Y. M. C. A. 1921.

NEGRO EX-SERVICE MEN TO RECEIVE "Y" AID

R. H. King Announces State Officers Charged with Distribution of Funds

ATLANTA, GA.—R. H. King, regional supervisor of the Y. M. C. A. War Work Council, 1612 Candler Building, Atlanta, Ga., has issued the following announcement for the benefit of Negro ex-service men:

"The Y. M. C. A. War Work Council has set aside some five million dollars to be used in awarding scholarships to ex-service men. And Negro who is eligible and needs help to get an education should address the State Supervisor of his home State at Y. M. C. A. State Headquarters for full particulars."

The following men have charge of the distribution in several States:

ALABAMA.—J. W. Holmes, 1412 Jefferson County Bank Building, Birmingham, Ala.

ARKANSAS.—G. G. Cross, A. O. U. W. Building, Little Rock, Ark.

FLORIDA.—O. E. Maple, Central Y. M. C. A., Jacksonville, Fla.

GEORGIA.—Dr. W. A. Lee, 1728 Candler Building, Atlanta, Ga.

KENTUCKY.—J. L. Darter, 345 Association Building, Louisville, Ky.

LOUISIANA.—Dr. George D. Booth, 634 Maison-Blanche Annex, New Orleans, La.

MISSISSIPPI.—Capt. Guy Nason, Daniel Building, Jackson, Miss.

NORTH CAROLINA.—G. C. Huntington, Central Y. M. C. A., Charlotte, N. C.

SOUTH CAROLINA.— Dr. E. R. Pendleton, Pendleton, S. C.

TENNESSEE.—A. B. Richardson, 206-209 Association Building, Nashville, Tenn.

VIRGINIA.—R. P. Miles, 902 Chamber of Commerce, Richmond, Va.

Negro ex-service men may write direct to R. H. King, Candler Building, Atlanta, Ga.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO SERVICE MEN

Folk Journal & Guide

Virginia Colored Men Received $5,946.00 From Y. M. C. A. Funds Appropriated For Educational Purposes

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Richmond, Va.—November 1, 1919, the National War Work Council of the Young Men's Christian Association, set aside three million, one hundred seventy-six thousand five hundred sixty-two dollars ($3,175,562) to be available during the year 1920 for the Y. M. C. A. Educational Service for demobolized men. This service included honorary scholarships in universities, colleges, technical schools, other approved schools, Y. M. C. A. schools and correspondence courses conducted by the United Y. M. C. A. Schools.

The educational fund was divided between the races in proportion to the number of men from each race in the service from the several States.

Seventy-five per cent of the Virginia service men were white, and seventy-seven thousand eight hundred thirty-nine dollars ($77,839) was allotted to them. Twenty-five per cent were Negroes. Their allottment was twenty-five thousand, nine hundred forty-six dollars ($25,964). The Negro State Commission consisted of Dr. J. M. Gandy, president, Virginia Normal & Industrial Institute, Petersburg; Prof. J. B. Simpson, Virginia Union University; Jno. Mitchell, Jr., editor *Richmond Planet*, and T. C. Erwin, banker Richmond.

Scholarships were awarded in the following colored Virginia colleges: Gloucester Agricultural and Industrial Institute, Hampton Normal and Industrial Institute, Rappahannock Industrial Academy, St. Paul's Normal and Industrial School, Virginia Normal and Industrial Institute, Virginia Theological Seminary and College, Union University.

One hundred and eleven scholarships were granted in the Norfolk district.

Max Yergan Sails For Afri- Work.

Dallas Sept 4 Express 11/26/21

(By A. N. P.)

New York City, Nov. 24.—A feature of the forthcoming twentieth national conferences at Cincinnati, December 1 to 4, of the Colored Men's Department of the Young Men's Christian Associations of North American will be the announcement that Max Yergan has started for Africa as the first permanent secretary of the Y. M. C. A., to that continent. Yergan will sail on November 26th. Yergan is a native of North Carolina (Raleigh) and an honor graduate in 1914 of Shaw University, where he played on the 'varsity eleven and base ball nine and was class president and president of the Student's Union.

Although Max Yergan will not be thirty years of age next year, the story of his life is a veritable romance. It is so, his friends point out because the passionate ambition of his life has been to serve his fellowmen. At a Y. M. C. A. conference of Colored students King's Mountain N. C., during his college days, Max and some of his friends climbed to the peak of King's Mountain and there after praying together, each one dedicated himself to go wherever he believed God wished him to go in work of Christian service. Three of these young men, including Yergan, have since been called into tasks of Christian leadership.

At thte International Convention of the Y. M. C. A., in Cleveland in 1916 Max Yergan heard an appeal made for volunteers to go to East Africa, where the work involved extraordinary hardships. He reached there after a brief stay in India, where he made such an impression upon the Y. M. C. A., officials that he was urged to returnd there eventually for permanent service. He finally reached erman East Africa, on board a troop ship, and there served with both white and Colored soldiers for many months, suffering many hardships and being laid low several times by sun stroke and fever.

No less a pioneer, Susie Wiseman Yergan, also a product of Shaw University, where she taught for three years following graduation, is preparing to accompany her husband on the long voyage. They expect to remain in South Africa six years before returning.

COLORED Y. M. C. A. HOLDING FOUR-DAY CONFERENCE

CINCINNATI O TIMES STAR

DECEMBER 1, 1921

Leaders in the Work Gather in Cincinnati.

At the left, Dr. J. E. Moorland, senior secretary, Colored Y. M. C. A.; at right, Dr. John R. Mott, general secretary, International committee, Y. M. C. A. of North America.

Leaders in the work of the colored Y. M. C. A., which has a membership of 32,000 in the United States, are in Cincinnati for the twentieth national conference, in session in the Ninth Street branch. Dr. John R. Mott of New York will address the conference Thursday night on "Christian Brotherhood, the Hope of the World." Dr. J. E. Moorland, senior secretary of the colored Y. M. C. A., is in attendance, as is also Dr. R. R. Moton, principal of Tuskegee Institute. L. Wilbur Lesser, general secretary of the Chicago association, and for forty years in the service, will make an address during the conference. The meeting will continue through Sunday.

Negro Advocate Nashville

The Dawn of a New Day In Race Relations

12/4/21

The Interpretation of Christianity.

W. L. Hutcherson.

The 20th National Conference of the Colored Men's Department, Y. M. C. A., held in Cincinnati, Dec. 1-4, was an epoch making event in the history of the Association, as well as the dawn of a new Day in Race Relationships.

Never before in the history of the Negro Race in America have representatives had an opportunity to bring their case in Court, and present their Cause to such a representative group of Outstanding White Men. And, never before have Leading White Men taken such advance steps, and such high ground, as at this conference.

On the afternoon before the for-mal opening of the Conference, the group of representative Leaders of the Negro Race who had been invited to sit in Conference with Dr. Mott, met in the committee rooms of the Central Y. M. C. A., of Cincinnati. There were present 50 select men of the Negro Race, representing almost as many phases of Negro Life, and as many different schools of Negro thought. There was present also, a very select group of representative White Men. some College Presidents, some Church Leaders, and otthers, of Dr. Mott's staff. Dr. Mott asked ten of the Most Vital Questions affecting the Negro, and several questions growing out of the replies. Those present were as frank in their replies as if in a "family chat."

Following this discussion, in the afternoon, the Conference formerly opened at 8 o'clock. From the meeting of the afternoon, Dr. Mott gathered the material for address—"Christian Brotherhood, The Hope of The

World."

Dr. Mott gave a brief review of Y. M. C. A. Work among Negroes, and stated that it compared very favorably with that of any other Groups. He then issued a challenge for the future.

In unmistakable terms he stated that not Leagues of Nations nor Disarmament Conferences, but Christian Brotherhood, as exemplified by Jesus Christ, was the Hope of the World.

The outstanding topics of the Conference; all of which were handled by high type men, are as follows:—

"Outstanding Needs of Colored Men and Boys."

1 College Students
2 Boys
3 Rural
4 Industrial.
5 City.

These topics were introduced by fine speakers, and then submitted to the floor. Then after a thorough discussion, Sectional Conferences were held by those interested in a particular group.

The Inter-racial Work was introduced by one member of both races, each was a member of the inter-racial committee. Two speakers also presented the challenge of "Our Responsibility To Africa." The Conference went on record as pledging support to Max Yergan, who, at the time of the Conference was on the high seas, enroute, as the first Secretary to Africa. His name was a watchword during the entire Conference. His life and example is a challenge to all.

"The Use God Makes of Men" was the subject of an Inspirational Address by Mr. John F. Moore, an Association Secretary of The International Committee.

"Fundamentals of Organization and Operation of The Young Men's Christian Association," was the subject of a very forceful and timely address by Dr. L. W. Messer, General Secretary of Chicago. Being the man through whom Mr. Rosenwald has contributed $350 000 to Colored Y. M. C. A. Work, he said that the Colored Association of Chicago, was second to none in every phase of the work.

President John Hope, of Moorhouse College, presented the Subject: "The Status of the Colored Men's Department in the Brotherhood." One of the high points in his address was the Idea of "Segregated Christianity." He said the Negro was accepting seperate Y. M. C. A. Work not as the ideal, but only as expedient for the time. That the Race was looking to day when the Brotherhood would recognize no "color line."

Without any doubt, the most effective address, from the point of a Larger Growth, a new cosception of the Association program was by Dr. W. A. Method, Chairman of the Committee of Management of the Spring Street Branch, Columbus, Ohio. His subject was; "Qualifications and Duties of A Committeeman." He stated that the Board of Directors of the Y. M. C. A., was not a "Haven of Rest," not an Honor, but an Investment of Life and money. (This address was authorized published by Mr. Rosenwald.)

One of the High points in the Conference was the discussion of "Representation on all Boards on Committees of the Association," and "The Property Interests of the Colored Associations."

One of the Key-notes of the Conference was "Co-operation." The main address on the subject was delivered by Prof. F. L. Williams of St. Louis, Mo. His address was accepted as a far-reaching stand in Racial Religious Co-operation.

Mr. Rosenwald was received with a great ovation. He told of his interest in the Negro, and the great satisfaction he had received from his work with the Negro. Because of his interest, he stated that One Million and a Half Dollars had been invested in Y. M. C. Buildings; and Three Million and a Half in Rural School Building.

The closing address by Dr. J. Stanley Durkee, President of Howard University. He took very high ground in asserting the Unity of the Human Family. He stated that the Evolution of Races, and not excess of Arms. He says men must live as Brothers, or the Anglo-Saxon Sun of Civilization is swiftly setting.

Y.M.C.A. WORKERS HAVE A MEETING AT CINCINNATI

Dr. J. R. Mott, International Secretary, Makes Keynote Speech. Inter-racial Cooperation And Brotherhood,

Vision Of Leaders.

12/9/21

"Inter-racial Co-operation" was the key-note of Y. M. C. A. Conference at Cincinnatti December 1 and 4.

College Presidents, teachers, students laymen, professional and business men joined heartly into the discussions of the problems of today as well as those things which will affect the immedate future of all races of the world.

The outstanding feature of the conference was the address of Dr. John R. Mott, General Secretary of the International Committee Young Men's Christian Association of North America Dr. Mott is perhaps the best informed man in this country on the inter-racial question. He has traveled all over the world and has made a study of all races. He characterizes the present-day as dangerous. "'Race prejudice," he said, "is being felt in all the world today as never before. The darker races against the whites and the whites against the darker. I think of the future in wonder and amazement. Unless Christian brotherhood takes hold on this old world God alone can tell what is to happen.

"The Young Men's Christian Association believes in the providential mission of each race. It stands for the fullest development and expression of each race. It has constantly kept in mind the vision of world brotherhood."

"The great need of the world today is apostles of reconciliation in all the areas of social injustices and neglect. It is true in international affairs in times of distrust like these. It is even more true in interracial relations.'

International Conference

The speaker made known the plans of a world conference to be held under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. at Pekin, China next April, when the educated leaders of more than 30 countries will take council together, and project constructive plans for promoting "good will among those who tomorrow are to lead the affairs of nations."

Other prominent speakers who appeared on the program were: Julius Rosenwald, philanthrophist of Chicago who has contributed largely to the success of the Y. M. C. A.'s thruout the country, and Prof. Frank L. Williams, principal of Sumner High School of St. Louis..

The sessions were held in the 9th Street Y. M. C. A. Building. About 200 representatives were in attendance.

Dr. J. E. Moreland, Senior International Secretary, presided.

NATIONAL NEWS CONFERENCE

TWENTIETH GATHERING OF COLORED

MEN'S DEPARTMENT

Nine Topics are on for Discussion—The Needs of The Colored Men and Boys

Cincinnati, Ohio.—(Special) Plans are now completed for the opening of the twentieth conference of colored men's department of the Young Men's Christian Association, to be held in this city Thursday, Friday Saturday and Sunday, December 1, 2, 3, 4. The meeting opened at 8:00 p. m. Thursday with an address of welcome by the Cincinnati contingent, followed by key-note addresses. Programs have been distributed broadcast throughout the United States, and the cry from the various sections of the country has been issued "On to Cincinnati." The theme throughout the four days' conference will be "The Needs of the Colored Men and Boys and How to Meet Them." A large number of the leading representatives throughout the United States working in every direction of religious and educational endeavor, have been invited to attend. Attractive railroad rates have already been announced, and when the curtain is rolled up Thursday evening the stage will be perfect. Among the Conference Topics will be.

Christian Brotherhood the Hope of the World.
Outstanding Need of the Colored Men and Boys of America.
Inter-Racial Work.
Our Responsibility to Africa.
Fundamentals of organization and operation of Y. M. C. A.
The Status of the Colored Men's Department in the Brotherhood.
The Qualifications and Duties of a Committeeman.
Factors Involved in the Enlarged Program.
Nation-wide Co-operation.

The discussion of these topics in the Conference will be led by men of renown, men of experience, men of thought. It is planned that on Sunday the prominent speakers will fill the local pulpits.

The Nashville representatives of the Twentieth Annual Conference as announced from the colored Y. M. C. A. are Rev. Preston Taylor, president of the organization, Mr. Walker, executive secretary and Rev. Henry A. Boyd, a member of the Board of Directors. These representatives are expected to be in Cincinnati on Thursday morning to take part in the opening of the Conference. Action on this has already been taken at the last meeting of the committee when this selection was made.

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THE Y. M. C. A. AND THE NEGRO

Among the agencies working for the betterment of Chicago's Negro population, and for the removal of those causes which provoke friction between the races, none is of more value than the Y. M. C. A.

The Wabash avenue department of this organization is devoted solely to the interests of the Negro race. Under the direction of its executive secretary, Mr. George Arthur, it is playing a most valuable part in the task of readjusting the newly arrived Negro to the conditions of metropolitan life. Many of the colored race who have come to this city in recent years have come from small southern towns or rural communities where the habits of life and circumstances of employment differ greatly from those which they find obtaining in Chicago.

The industrial committee of the Wabash avenue "Y" has been of greatest service in vocational guidance and in the provision of leisure-time occupations for hundreds of men who have sought its help. It has aided them in establishing better relations with their employers and foremen by promoting conferences in which they could meet with the latter and discuss the common problems of the shop or yards. It has succeeded, in many instances, in discovering the more skilled and capable workmen and securing for them positions of responsibility. It has worked steadily for a higher average of intelligent interest in the job, for the encouragement of habits of regularity, temperance and thrift.

The effect of this work is reflected in expressions of satisfaction from employers and in the improved conditions of the men who have come under its influence. The race problem is largely one of adjustment and of the development of a protective intelligence, immune to the appeals of agitators and the whispers of rumor mongers. The Wabash avenue "Y" is working on this theory, and getting results. It merits the support of white citizens thru co-operation and financial aid. Its building, at which attendance in all departments last year numbered 123,269, is situated at 3763 Wabash avenue.

A Census of Chicago Boys

Survey 5/14/21

THE Chicago Rotary Club recently enlisted the local council of social agencies in the work of preparing a survey of boy life in the city. A time limit was set upon its completion which necessarily prevented a detailed study of several phases of the problem which invite more intensive inquiry; but the survey has proved of great value in discovering for Chicago and for the agencies engaged in boys' work how big a field remains untouched. It has revealed the existence of certain portions of this field which are in need of immediate effort. It has brought into relief certain of the weaknesses which characterize the methods of work now being used to help the under-privileged boy of the city.

Illinois.

Perhaps the most startling fact which the survey brought to light is that the agencies reporting any specific work in behalf of boys reach, in the aggregate of their own figures without deduction for duplication or the exaggeration of estimates, only about one-sixth of the total boy population of the city between the ages of ten and twenty years, that is about 54,000 boys out of 325,000. The agencies reporting included every form of work for boys which provides some sort of supervision for leisure occupation, such as boys' clubs, boys' work in settlements, Boy Scouts, Y. M. C. A. boys' departments, public school and community center groups and clubs and church clubs.

A danger spot in Chicago is clearly indicated in the facts discovered concerning what is commonly spoken of as the "black belt"—the big South Side district which, in the last few years, has become almost wholly populated by Negroes. It was in this district that the race riots occurred not long ago. The survey estimates that there are from nine to ten thousand Negro boys in this district, between the ages of ten and twenty. Returns from social agencies at work in the field—including a colored Y. M. C. A., a settlement and the Urban League—show that only 737 of these boys are being reached. It is obvious that if these boys, many of whom have recently come from small-town homes in the South, are left to the destructive and demoralizing influences of the street, the alley, the unsupervised back room and cellar club, the commercialized amusement resorts—pool rooms, cheap movies, dance halls and penny arcades—Chicago will pay the penalty, in a harvest of crime and dependence.

Another thickly populated colored settlement on the North Side of Chicago is almost equally neglected. In eight square miles of the stockyard district there were at the time of the survey, in February, one Boy Scout troop and one school which served as a center for work among boys. This district is particularly interesting because of the fact that within its borders the so-called independent clubs flourish in great numbers. These are clubs organized by the older boys who rent a back room or a cellar as a meeting place. They are frequently named athletic clubs, although their athletic activities are seldom discoverable, unless a fight of an entirely unregulated sort can be so dignified. Dances, card playing, crap shooting, and hold-up parties are among the more customary exercises. At the time of the race riots it was suspected that the white assailants of Negroes were largely recruited from these clubs.

The survey strongly recommends a more thorough study of the problem presented by the independent club. It also recommends a further study of the comparative effectiveness of the various agencies engaged in boys' work. This ground could not be covered, but it is deemed essential to any intelligent planning of ways to meet the boy problem that facts should be gathered which will guide in reaching a decision as to the best instrumentalities for helping the boy.

From the records of the Juvenile Court of Chicago figures are quoted which show that the organization of a boys' club, with adequate equipment in building and apparatus, and under trained direction, has assisted in reducing juvenile delinquency in the eighteenth police precinct by 51 per cent in twelve months' time. This precinct covers an area extending beyond the normal sphere of influence for the club. Figures based upon the more restricted area of the ward in which the club is situated show that the reduction in juvenile delinquency for the same period was 73 per cent.

The survey emphasizes the great need for trained leadership in boys' work. It makes the point that problems of discipline in boys' clubs resolve themselves largely into problems of leadership. Where such leadership is expert these problems practically disappear; where it is untrained, however well intentioned and sympathetic it may be, they are serious factors in the work. The Boys' Club Federation, through its autumn training course for boys' workers at Columbia, is making an effort to meet this need. The Scouts are conducting similar classes at the University of Chicago, but these efforts leave much to be done before there will be adequate provision for meeting a need that is steadily increasing as public sentiment becomes aroused on the boy question.

Among the recommendations made as a result of the survey is the creation of a promotional organization which will act as a clearing house and source of inspiration and propaganda for boys' work. It is urged that this organization should not merely cooperate with those agencies engaged specifically in work for boys, but that it should seek to serve all the social agencies which have as their aim the mitigation of conditions and the suppression of counter-action of influences which contribute to the demoralization of boy life.

S. J. DUNCAN CLARK.
Managing Director, Boys' Club Federation, Middle West Division, Chicago.

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West Virginia

WHEELING W VA REGISTER
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Y. W. C. A. COLORED BRANCH TO OPEN ON JUNE FIRST

The branch for colored girls, to be known as the Y. M. C. A. Colored branch will open June first. The location of this new piece of work undertaken by the Y. W. C. A. will be at 1041 Chapline street one block from the present Y. W. C. A. building.

The house at this location has been recently purchased by a lodge, and the first and second floors are to leased by the Y. W. C. A. The space alloted the Colored branch is very adequate, as room for classes, offices, club activities and recreation can be given.

Miss Serreals, the secretary in charge of the branch will have her office on the first floor. Many colored girls of the city are looking forward to the opening of the branch, which has been a long-felt neccesity.

Y.M.C.A. SUMMER SCHOOL CLOSES GREAT SEASON

Chicago Whip 8-6-21

By N. Barnett Dodson

HARPERS FERRY, W. Va.—The Fourteenth Session of the Chesapeake Summer School for the training of Y. M. C. A. workers, held at the Storer College, Harper's Ferry, W. Va., during the month of July, came to a successful close Wednesday.

A striking feature of this school from its beginning has been the spirit of good will and fellowship. Its spirit was apparently more manifest at this session than any previous session. Every day from 6:00 A. M. to 8:00 P. M. something was going on in class, study, lecture or recreation under competent direction and leadership. From the beginning men of both races from different sections of the country, have taken part in the school. An unusually fine spirit of co-operation existed this year on the part of white and colored leaders. It is equally important to note that the school has been self-supporting for the past two years. This is made possible through fees and contributions from our own Associations.

Dr. George E. Haynes gave a series of lectures ond the industrial situation as it affects the colored laborer and made suggestions as to how the Association might increase its help. This was followed with definite program of work by Dr. T. T. Foster of the Industrial Department of the International Committee. Strong emphasis was placed on the religious and social work of the Association.

A very helpful course of lectures, followed by actual demonstration on the field in recrecreative games and exercises, was given by William J. Faulkner, Physical Director of the Butler St. Branch, Atlanta.

Mr. Philo C. Dix, State Secretary of Kentucky gave two splendid addresses. Mr. Dix has been a forward looking friend of the Colored Work since his entrance into Association work. Two years ago he placed a colored man on the State Committee of Kentucky. This is the first time the race has been given such representation. Mr. Dix has always stood for the finest and best things in inter-racial matters. He won the hearts of those who had never met him and strengthened the bond of friendship with those who have known him in the past.

Mr. Augustus Nash, Religious Work Secretary of the Cleveland, Ohio, Y. M. C. A. rendered a wonderful service in his personal conversations with the men. An afternoon spent with a group of colored laymen made up of professional and business men he reported as one of the interesting experiences in his whole life. When through he declared these men to be most remarkable in their keenness of insight regarding great questions confronting them and the public and then declared that he was absolutely straight and clean. What a blessing it would be if such an experience could be repeated with different groups throughout the entire country.

Dr. Jesse E. Moorland, Senior Secretary of the International Y. M. C. A. Committee was the center of attraction for guidance and inspiration throughout the session of the school.

Some laymen have attended the different sessions of the school but a larger number this year than any previous session. Their presence proved most helpful and inspiring and it is hoped that as the years go by their attendance will increase and that definite help may be given members of Committees of Management and other laymen which shall enable them to carry on their more effectively.

This year a few of the younger ministers were in attendance seeking especially practical methods in recreation and boys' work. They also took an active part in the other activities of the school. This seems a very promising adventure and plans will be made which will meet the needs of such ministers as may desire to attend future sessions of the school.

A considerable amount of time was given to the consideration of Boys' Work. The Association has no greater challenge than the boy and his challenge must be effectively met.

A Committee was appointed to consider the feasibility of securing a permanent site for the school where a real training center to meet the pressing demands of the Association may be developed.

The plan to hold a National Conference of the Colored Men's Department was considered and heartily endorsed by those in attendance. The time and place of this important conference will be announced later.

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New Jersey

CAMDEN N J COURIER
— MARCH 19, 1921

HUNTON BRANCH, Y. M. C. A., BANQUETS PASTORS

As a preliminary to the membership drive, the committee of management of the Hunton Branch, Y. M. C. A., gave a dinner last Monday evening, to pastors. Among the speakers of the evening were Rev. George E. Morris, Rev. Robert Jackson, Dr. J. M. Vaughn, Prof. H. R. Johnson, Dr. Howard Primas, Secretary Edward Richardson, Ralph Jordan and Rev. O. S. Watts. Dr. C. T. Branch presided and General Secretary A. E. Armitage gave an address in which he outlined the program of the association.

It was agreed that the Hunton Branch building be formally dedicated to Y. M. C. A. work Sunday afternoon, May 15, and that the membership drive be scheduled for a week or ten days in May. Each pledged himself to give his best efforts in the drive.

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New York.

THOS. TAYLOR'S SERENITY SHAKEN BY TERRIBLE GRILLING TUESDAY – THOUSANDS COME OUT TO HEAR

Drs. Brooks, Powell, Hayes, Hyder, Brown, Roberts, Withers, Emanuel, Handy and Editor J. Fred R. Moore

Newark Dispatch 6/20/21

Metropolitan Baptist Church of which the Rev. W. W. Brown is pastor at 128th Street and Seventh Avenue, though the largest colored church in New York City was taxed to its capacity on Tuesday evening, May 17th, to hear these eminent men, who have stood for justice for the race, denounce WHITE AUTOCRATIC domination on the part of the Metropolitan Board of the Y. M. C. A. in the City of New York.

The contention was lifted to high ground. Men, they said, were mere incidents, but the principals of automony meant LIFE and DEATH to colored men to dictate the moral standards of their own unit Business was declared secondary to morals and the speeches were a petition to Mr. Diack and the white board not to interfere with the unselfish administration of the colored board's duty. One speaker suggested that the white board take Taylor down town with them as Harlem did not want him. In the course of the evening's speeches it developed that the colored members of the board and friends of the institution had on several occasions asked Taylor to mend his ways. Mrs. Bell Johnson almost drew the audience to its feet several times with her motherly simple plea for justice. Finally she called for the SHEEP to stand on one side and the GOATS on the other. "All who will stand by the colored leadership please raise their hands." And the auditorium for nearly ten minutes looked like nothing but hands. Dr. A. Clayton Powell announced at the close of the meeting that information of their next meeting would be found in the New York Dispatch, The New York Age, and the Harlem Home News. The New York Dispatch came in for much discussion during the meeting and Editor Fred R. Moore tried to kill two birds with one stone, Taylor and the Editor of the New York Dispatch; by innuendo he invited Secretary Taylor to either kill the Editor of the Dispatch or sue him. More showed he grieved because Taylor had taken some printing from him. This was decidedly harmful to the occasion. The big meeting closed to be re-assembled at the call of the ten resigned members of the Board of Managers.

THE "Y" PROPOSITION

New York Age 6/2/21

The "Y" proposition, with the larger question growing out of the domination of the 135th street Branch by the Central Board of white directors, who denied to the local board of management any voice in the displacement of an officer who had lost his usefulness, is becoming a question of national importance. The question as the degree of authority that should be entrusted to the local board in dealing with such matters of internal welfare is of vital importance to the growth and future existence of the organization as a factor in race development.

The fact that the Central Board of Directors in New York can so dominate a Branch to its detriment by the retention in office of an executive whose usefulness has so fully been demonstrated to have been ended by his own wilful acts, is discouraging to the friends and advocates of the work in all sections. Such arbitrary disregard of the welfare of the association and the youth whose interests it was created to protect, is at variance with the purposes set forth in its constitution.

If such a course of destruction and violation of the principles upon which the organization was founded is to be permitted in one city, no branch of the association can feel safe in any other city. There should be some safeguards provided against such a violation of the confidence of those who contributed to the establishment and growth of the institution.

Such men as Dr. J. E. Moorland, International Secretary, should speak out and tell how they stand on the question of providing some adequate protection for the interests of the race, by representation in the central body or a proper measure of autonomy in protecting local interests in the various branches organized among the race.

People Register a Growing Opposition to "Y" City Board

Large Attendance at Mt. Olivet Meeting Indicates Crystallizing of Sentiment Against Taylor's Retention

New York Age 6/11/21

More than one thousand persons were present at Mount Olivet Baptist Church 151 West 53rd street, the Rev. William P. Hayes, pastor, on Tuesday evening, May 31st at the mass meeting called to voice further protest against the General City Board of the Young Men's Christian Association in its autocratic attitude toward the Committee of Management of the Colored Branch Y. M. C. A. in West 135th street.

The protests were based on failure of the City Board to uphold the local board in its effort to establish moral standards for guidance of race attaches of the local organization, the particular matter being a reversal of the local committee's action asking for the resignation of Executive Secretary, Thomas E. Taylor of the 135th street branch. The reason for the request was alleged indiscretions committed by the executive secretary in his association with the young woman employed as his office secretary.

Force of Opposition Increases.

The large audience assembled at Mt. Olivet listened with keen interest to the strong speeches of the evening, and the sane and sensible position taken by the ten members of the Committee of Management, who resigned rather than be used as rubber stamps or cat's paws, was given sincere and hearty endorsement. It is a matter of common report that the City Board has been surprised at the strength of sentiment against Taylor as evidenced by attendance at the mass meetings called by the resigning members.

This is contrary, it is pointed out by those interested, to the attitude taken by some of the members of the Committee of Management who retained their connection with that body, and who are said to be attempting to minimize the force of the opposition to Taylor. It is alleged that some of these men who favor Taylor's retention seek to create the impression that sentiment against Taylor is of small proportion and will soon die out. But it is asserted on the other hand, and the attendance at these meetings is cited as evidence, that this sentiment opposing Taylor is assuming much larger proportions, and is, in fact, crystallizing to a remarkable degree, toward some specific action.

Frequenters of the 135th street "Y" are quoted as saying that memberships are dropping off, interest is lagging, and that the atmosphere is discouraging. It is reported that a recent conference was held by the remaining members of the local board, to which certain prominent citizens were invited with the hope of devising some plan by which Taylor's cause could be bolstered up. Just what success was attained is not apparent.

Speakers at the Mount Olivet meeting included the Rev. A. Clayton Powell, the Rev. W. H. Brooks, William Pickens, and the Rev. J. D. Gordon.

OUTSIDE INTEREST MANIFESTED

New York Age 6/11/21

The *Southwestern Christian Advocate*, published at New Orleans, is one of the official organs of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which represents the interests of the large colored membership of that denomination. In a recent issue appeared the following paragraph:

The trouble which has arisen at the Young Men's Christian Association over the secretary, Thomas E. Taylor, is still unsettled. Editor Fred R. Moore, of the New York Age, tells why Taylor should resign in the issue of his paper of June 18th, with a full story of the case. The white body retains Taylor despite the fact the majority vote of the Colored Board of Management had said he must go. The following board members claimed that Taylor's conduct was detrimental to "Y" work and have resigned because of the action of the white board in retaining him: Dr. E. P. Roberts, Chairman; Walter E. Handy, Dr. C. H. Roberts, Rev. W. P. Hayes, pastor Mt. Olive Baptist Church; Rev. A. C. Powell pastor Abyssinian Baptist Church; Rev. W. H. Brooks, pastor St. Mark's M. E. Church; Rev. F. M. Hyder, pastor St. James Presbyterian Church; Rev. J. W. Brown, pastor Mother A. M. E. Zion Church; Dr. Jonas Emmanuel and Dr. B. T. Withers.

This comment on the "Y" situation, as it appears to outsiders, is indicative of the widespread interest felt in this matter and the importance of having a proper settlement of the issues raisel. Besides the newspaper discussion of this affair, individual expressions commending the stand taken by THE AGE have been received from all parts of the country. Ohio, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida are among the states represented in sustaining the necessity of mantaining a high standard of morals among welfare workers.

This expression of popular sentiment goes to strengthen the position taken that Mr. Taylor's usefulness as executive secretary has become a thing that is ended. It should impress those responsible for the conduct of the organization with the fact that the Y. M. C. A. is bigger than any one individual. They should remove the cause of the trouble and recognize the right of the race to representation on central boards having charge of work among colored men

All thinking people recognize that Mr. Taylors's usefulness is ended as a factor fo good. His rentention at the head of the local work is the surest way to work its ultimate destruction.

TWO-BY-FOUR CHURCHES.

Harlem is becoming infested with a species of two-by-four churches, which meet in some private houses and hold some sort of hugger-mugger proceedings intended to launch a new sect of worshippers upon a world already too full of a confusion of tongues and creeds. Few of these scattered congregations have any real aim or object, beyond the novelty of having offered to them new religion, or an old creed with new frills, invented to fit the personal peculiarities of the leader or preacher. In most cases this leader is a man with the gift of gab and some degree of personal magnetism, too lazy to work at an honest trade, but loth to starve. He gathers around him a number of followers, mostly women, who hang upon his words as a divine inspiration, and deem it a privelege to support him in idleness. Of course they do not put it thus baldly. They are the members of

his church and followers of his faith. They think that they do their duty in contributing of their hard earnings to the support of the church and incidentally of the preacher.

This sort of thing is all wrong. The leader of the two-by-four church, with his selfmade religion, is securing money under false pretences, because he is a false prophet. His influence on his followers is for evil, being based upon falsehood and self-seeking. He preys upon the ignorance and credulity of his followers, who receive no substantial benefit in return but are buncoed by false doctrine and humbug.

The moral is of course to stick to the estabilshed churches that are founded upon the doctrines of Christianity. There are enough different varities of the Chirstian Church to suit almost any taste in religious belief, without seeking for false lights in the darkness. The two-by-four church with its lazy leader should be shunned by all decent people.

The Norfolk *Journal and Guide* is of the opinion that prize fights are entirely brutal and brutalizing exhibitions. It also thinks that the recent contest at Jersey City between Dempsey and Carpentier indicated that Christian mankind is becoming more brutal, inhuman and immoral in thought and control. The following reason is also deduced for drawing the color line in the prize ring:

The fight pictures of the fights between Jim Jeffries at Reno and Jess Willard at Havana were not allowed to be shown in the United States, and in the British possessions in the West Indies, Africa and India, because it would show that the black man was as good a physical fighting machine as the white man, and would, therefore, prejudice the black subjects against white rule.

This would indicate that the doctrine of white supremacy and the superior race is based upon such a shaky foundation that physical prowess is apt to

a regularly elected delegate from Alexandra county, got into the convention, however, and was ordered to the galleries. He refused and left the convention hall. His colleague, a white man from the same county, also left the convention in disgust.

The colored Republicans, including Atty. J. T. Newsome of Newport. News, Thomas H. Reid of Portsmouth, John Pollard of Richmond and two-score others, who were excluded from the convention, immedtely held a meeting in the Attucks theatre, where plans were made for the holding of a Republican State Convention, in the city of Richmond, where members of the race would not be barred. Colored Republicans of the state are determined not to be ignored in this manner and a stiff fight for recognition is promised in the future.

Most of the local Republican conventions to elect delegates to the State convention held in Norfolk, were held in seclusive places where colored people could not be admitted, as was the Norfolk convention, which was held in the Ghent Club.

This last proceeding was in direct defiance of the ruling of the National Republican Committee, as enunciated a year ago.

The colored Republicans of Virginia should keep up their fight for recognition. If necessary, they should hold a state convention of regularly elected delegates, without drawing a color line, and nominate a State ticket. Under no circumstances should they recognize or support the ticket set up by the "Lily White" convention held at Norfolk.

The Negro Republicans of Virginia have the remedy against "Lilywhitism" in their own hands. Let them use it by opposing any ticket set up by the "Lilywhites" tooth and toenail. It is better to vote for a straight Democratic ticket than a "Lilywhite" abomination, masquerading in the robes of Republicanism.

Y. M. C. A.

New York.

New Manhattan Y. M. C. A.

The financial campaign that is being conducted by the Young Men's Christian Association throughout the city to raise $250,000 for carrying on the work for 1921 is meeting with hearty response. The workers of the West 135th Street Branch at the end of the first five days had reported in close to $2,000 which is about one-half the amount they hope to raise during the campaign. Their quota of the $250,000 is $4,144.

The various team captains working in the campaign are as follows: 1—Bernard Wilder; 2—James Joseph; 3—Walter Stevens; 4—J. E. Swan; 5—Rudolph Moses; 6—F. D. Gardner; 7—James A. Anderson; 8—Harry P. Bearden; 9—A. T. Anderson. The boys of the Junior Department are desirous of having a share in the work and they are organizing teams among themselves to go out and raise $500.

Miss S. Wray, superintendent of the 8th Avenue Mission, was the speaker at the "Big Meeting" on last Sunday and in her address on the "Lights and Shadows of Mission Work" presented some very startling examples of the splendid work that is being done by these people. J. Mardo Brown gave a tenor solo in a very pleasing manner. The Hampton Institute Quartet gave two selections and were recalled for an encore.

On next Sunday, Robert W. Bagnall, the new director of branches and chief of field staff of the N. A. A. C. P., will address the "Big Meeting" on "A Four-Square Religion for a Man." William Service Bell will be the soloist. The meeting begins promptly at 4 o'clock and all men are cordially invited.

RULE AND RUIN POLICY

New York Age 4/9/21

The announcement that the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Y M C A has reversed the action of the local board of the 135th street Branch in the matter of the dismissal of the Executive Secretary is a blow to the self-respect of the race, as well as to the standard of morality that should prevail in such an institution.

The fact that the members of the local board were given to understand that they had neither the power to engage nor dismiss a secretary reveals a fatal defect in the organization of the branch. The colored people have raised thousands of dollars to aid in the establishment of this branch, but are now given to understand through their representatives, that its ownership and management are absolutely controlled by a white board, whose indifference to preserving proper standards of morality is at variance with the distinctive purpose of the organization.

The fact that the majority of the members of the local board promptly resigned upon notice of this dictatorial attitude of the central body is significant of the sentiment of the local community. No other course was open to self-respecting individuals anxious for racial progress and development. The people will not stand for Mr. Taylor, because he persists in a course that offends all moral sentiment; nor will they stand for a Colored Y. M. C. A. dominated in such a dictatorial manner by white men, wholly indifferent to the best interests of the race.

It would be far better that the Y. M. C. A. work should be wiped out altogether than that it should be preserved at the sacrifice of the self-respect and the moral standards of the race.

REV. DR. BROOKS OR SECY. DIACK?

New York Dispatch 4/15/21

The skirmish between the Executive Secretary of the Harlem Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association, in West 135th Street, and a majority of the colored men who did compose the Board of Managers of the Colored Men's Branch of the Y. M. C. A. in New York City, has at last been made very plain, so that the most simple-minded person can now understand what has been a puzzle which but few have had the knowledge to understand. THE DISPATCH has never been in the least doubt as to the main facts in the case. We have discussed Mr. Thomas E. Taylor, the Executive Secretary, only as an incident in the curious drama which has been on the stage, and acted very badly in the play, between colored men connected with the Young Men's Christian Association, which is supposed to be doing special Christian work among colored men to promote morality among them and carry forward the work of Christ in ways to elevate and improve colored men in the great City of New York, where dwell all sorts and conditions of men from every quarter of the Globe! We repeat: Mr. Thomas E. Taylor has only been an incident in the Drama in which colored men have been the actors at the Harlem Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association for more than a year. By this we mean that Mr. Thomas E. Taylor has been a hard problem which colored men have been trying to solve for over a year and have failed. And why? Because that gentleman has been but an incident. Mr. Walter T. Diack, the General Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of The City of New York, is the real Principal in the Drama and he is the main factor in the problem which colored men have been endeavoring to solve, but cannot! In full vindication of this statement, and which fully demonstrates the Truthfulness of it, we call special attention to the Correspondence which has passed between Mr. Walter T. Diack and THE DISPATCH and which we publish to-day, so as to clear the atmosphere which has been greatly befogged because of a lack of the Truth being made known. Who has been responsible for this misguiding of the public mind in the matter of the Taylor episode and ugly "mess" at the Harlem Branch of the Y. M. C. A.? It certainly has not been THE DISPATCH!

We have known the Truth about the power and real authority at, around and over the Harlem Branch of the Y. M. C. A. all along, and have done all we could to help straighten matters out. The pages of THE DISPATCH have been open to anyone who, in good faith, made an effort to throw light into dark places. We have been on the straight track and our feet have been in the narrow path, and we have not permitted anyone to divert us from our straight-forward course of Truth-Seeking and Truth-Telling. We propose to adhere to the Truth until the Taylor problem is solved in a satisfactory manner.

February 18, 1921, THE DISPATCH published this statement on the editorial page: "The power of the Board of Managers in the Harlem Branch of the Y. M. C. A. is purely perfunctory and wholly imaginary." On that very day, by a majority of one, the Board of Managers of colored men voted for Mr. Taylor to hand in his resignation. We knew that the vote meant nothing! However, on February 25, 1921, we congratulated the colored men who had voted for Mr. Taylor to go, although we knew that the white men (downtown) alone had the real power of removal! March 4, 1921, we quoted the following from the New York Age THE AGE, February 26, 1921 stated: "Secretary Walter Diack of the General Board, Y. M. C. A., made a statement to the committee in which he refuted the idea that the local board's decisions were subject to revision by the general board. He declared that the board of the 135th Street Branch was supreme within its sphere, and that its decisions were simply O. K.'d by the general board when coming before that body." The Age, Mr. Diack and the colored men who quit the Harlem Y. M. C. A. Board of Managers, have now confirmed what THE DISPATCH published on February 18, 1921, and the men who quit gave out a public statement, April 9, 1921, that they could not remain and keep self-respecting and continue under the domination of white men who have and hold the real power and tell colored men what they must do!!!

In a letter to the colored men who quit and which letter we publish to-day, Mr. Walter T. Diack pretends that the white men reversed the colored men because THE DISPATCH failed to furnish the information about Mr. Taylor which was sought. We now publish what was written to Mr. Diack, which letter he should have read to the white and colored men who met together downtown on March 1, 1921.

Direct information (to the knowledge of THE DISPATCH) was offered Mr. Diack, which would show and prove that Mr. Taylor had outlived his usefulness at the Y. M. C. A. in Harlem. Mr. Diack refused to accept that information. The question now is: Will colored men in New York City follow the lead of the Rev. Dr. William Brooks, whose long Christian service in New York City has made him a power for good among the people, or will they follow the lead of Mr. Diack, who is only an employe of the Young Men's Christian Association? We call the attention of Mr. Diack, Dr. Moorland and Mr. Taylor to the following, which they should all read, mark and learn:

"The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord." The Rev. Dr. Brooks and the pastors of the large evangelical churches are the masters and lords of the situation at the Y. M. C. A. in Harlem, when it comes to the membership. The New York Age seems to think that the main point at issue is the prominence of the colored men who quit the Harlem Branch of the Y. M. C. A. We take exception to that. It is not the personnel that is of importance in the case, but the moral and Christian principles which must be carefully considered and acted upon without hesitation and further delay. The Age is perturbed over and surprised at the fact that Dr. J. E. Moorland, the colored International Secretary of special work among colored men, agreed with the colored men in Harlem, until he knew the stand white men took on the Taylor case. Then Dr. Moorland changed and went with the white men! He had to. That means keeping his job!

All the Christianizing, advancement and social uplift national leagues and movements in which white and colored men and women are engaged together, the whites are the lords and masters and the colored are the servants! The whites give the orders and the colored must obey or get out! Shall colored people continue to serve under two sets of bosses? The white lords and masters and their colored servants, or will this false leadership be changed and strong and courageous colored men and women become the logical leaders of colored people? There is a power higher in the Y. M. C. A. than Mr. Diack, and an authority greater than his. He is only an employe of the Young Men's Christian Association. He can be removed! So can Dr. Moorland. Make no mistake!!! Mr. Diack says the woman is no longer at the Y. M. C. A.! Then his case is lost!!!

Reasons For Reconsidering Action of Local Board Made Public.

New York age 4/16/21

Dr. Moorland Writes

Sends Communications Suggesting Action To Committee of Management--Women's Auxiliary of 75 Withdraw Support.

Former members of the local Committee of Management of the West 135th street branch Y. M. C. A., who asserted their manhood and maintained their self-respect by severing relations with that institution after the City Board of the Y. M. C. A. had overruled the local board's demand for the resignation of Thomas E. Taylor, executive secretary of the Harlem organization, have received letters signed by Walter T. Diack, general secretary, giving them formal notice of the action taken by the Board of Directors.

The local board was requested to consider its action of February 18th, at which time the demand for Taylor's resignation was formulated, giving three reasons for the request. The first was the failure of an editor of the New York *Dispatch* to appear at a meeting with evidence to support charges printed in that paper; the second was that Taylor denied the charges; and the third was that Mrs. Conley, the stenographer to Mr. Taylor, was no longer employed by the Y. M. C. A.

Ingenious Evasions.

Persons familiar with the circumstances allege that these reasons are ingenious evasions. It is pointed out that the local board based its action in the matter, not upon charges printed in local newspapers, but upon the constant and acknowledged association of Secretary Taylor and Mrs. Conley, his stenographer, in and out of office hours, and at various places, this being regarded as inimical to the influence exerted by the secretary, as he and Mrs. Conley were both married and both were separated from their respective wife and husband.

It is alleged to be a matter of record that the executive secretary not only acknowledged these actions, but asserted his defiance of the committee to make him stop them, saying it was his personal prerogative to associate with whom he pleased.

The third and final reason has aroused more comment than the others, as it is said to have the appearance of making the young woman the "goat." The curious are asking why it is that the officials have seen fit to discharge her if she is innocent of wrongdoing, and if guilty, why is not the man, who would have to be considered a partner in guilt, discharged also?

Have No Control.

This development of the fact that colored members and contributors have no power in the control or administration of Y. M. C. A. buildings or its affairs, draws attention to the fact that the race has more than $80,000 invested in the West 135th street branch building, and in addition is burdened with the responsibility of paying off a mortgage which was originally $45,000, reduced now to $32,000. Many have expressed a desire to know why this large financial investment on part of the race seems to be worthy of no more recognition than is evident in the fact that the race has no voice in control of the property.

An immediate effect of the attitude assumed by the controlling officials of the Y. M. C. A. organization is seen in action taken by local organizations. The Harlem Congregational Church, of which the Rev. W. Stephenson Holder is pastor, will no longer permit notices of "Y" activities to be announced from its pulpit, according to a statement from Dr. Holder.

Women Withdraw Support.

Another and more vital outcome is the announced withdrawal of support by the Women's Auxiliary of which Miss Belle Johnson is the president. For two years this body of faithful women has worked energetically in interest of the 135th street branch and considerable sums of money have been raised by them. Miss Johnson, the president, is one of the most influential members of St. Marks M. E. Church, and has acquired the reputation of being one of the city's most successful organizers. She is active and resourceful and has consistently raised large sums, for the church and "Y" through her organized efforts.

She states now that her auxiliary, consisting of about seventy-five splendid women, have decided that they cannot continue to support the Y. M. C. A. work under present conditions, and have voted to withdraw entirely from that connection. Miss Johnson as president is supported with a fine group of vice-presidents, the other officers being Mrs. Ruth Whitehead, financial secretary, Mrs. Vick, recording secretary, and Mrs. M. L. Williams, treasurer.

In relation to the attitude of Dr. J. E. Moorland, international secretary; referred to in THE AGE of April 9th, he has stated to a representative of THE AGE that he did not change his attitude and come out in favor of Taylor's retention. It develops that Dr. Moorland wrote letters to Dr. E. P. Roberts, chairman of the local Committee of Management, and to Walter T. Diack, general secretary of the Board of Directors, urging that the Committee of Management go to the bottom of the affair, referring to the alleged charges against the local secretary, and saying that the committee ought act for the best interest of the Assocaition.

Dr. Moorland Writes.

In his leter to Secretary Diack, Mr. Moorland wrote under date of January 28th, as follows

"I understand the papers are playing up the Branch matter again this week. I have seen the editorial in THE NEW YORK AGE which, this time, addresses itself to the Committee of Management. My opinion is that the Committee ought to meet at the earliest possible date, probably first in an unofficial capacity without prejudice and with a purpose to stand together for the good and the welfare of the work of the Branch which has been committed to their hands. They ought, in a judicial manner, go to the bottom of the affair."

In writintg to Dr. Roberts, chairman of local committee, Mr. Moorland made a statement equivalent to that made to the Committee by Mr. Diack, concerning their power of control of affairs in the 135th street branch, but the City Board repudiated both statements by its demand on the local board for a reconsideration of its action. After saying to Dr. Roberts that "if the statements made in the newspapers are unfounded and untrue, reparation ought be made. If they are founded in truth, then your Committee ought to act in accordance with the best interests of the institution" he wrote further, saying,—

Feared Serious Consequence.

"I fear serious consequences will result unless the Committee, *which is responsible for the control and management of the Association* takes a judicial, united and unprejudiced stand in the matter now confronting your Association . . . Nothing will destroy an institution more quickly than for its management, policy and control to slip away from its lawful guardians into the hands of the general public."

H. H. Dennis, 251 West 131st street, a prominent churchman and member of the Y. M. C. A., writes this week endorsing the action of the ten members of the local board who resigned rather than continue to serve under obtaining conditions, as told in THE AGE of April 9. Mr. Dennis says that all clean and upright Negroes should frown upon the action taken by the white men who consider that the Negro has less honor than the whites, that being the reason why they seek to uphold the actions of the colored secretary. "No self-respecting colored man," said he, "will allow themselves to be used by the class of men who are trying to pull the wool over our eyes. I have striven to raise money for the "Y" and am a member, but am severing all connections now."

New York age 4/23/21

EVADING THE ISSUE.

The resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Young Men's Christian Association, requesting the Committee of Management of the West 135th Street Branch to reconsider its action relating to suggested resignation of the Executive Secretary, is printed in another part of this issue. The reasons assigned for this request appear to be based upon an evasion of the facts of the situation. It is merely an effort to befog the issues.

The charges referred to as having been made and published by a local paper against Mr. Taylor played no part in the action taken by the members of the local board in calling for his resignation. These charges were a later development, after Mr. Taylor's indifference to public sentiment and criticism, had created the ugly situation that threatened to destroy the usefulness of the work.

Whether any foundation existed for those charges or not, did not affect the situation that already existed. If they were disproved and the author of them prosecuted for libel, it would still leave the issue of Mr. Taylor's usefulness untouched; the situation threatening the morale of the institution would remain unchanged.

The third reason assigned for reconsidering the matter, that the "young woman whose employment as stenographer and secretary for Mr. Taylor had been objected to by certain members of the Committee of Management, is no longer in service of the Branch," is obviously a distortion of facts. The objection was not against the employment of the young woman, but against the association that obtained between her and Mr. Taylor outside of the hours of employment, which gave rise to popular criticism.

The three reasons assigned for the reconsideration of the action taken by the Committee of Management are wholly inadequate and outside the real question at issue. The request in its entirely is wholly inconsistent with the arbitrary ruling of the Board, voiced by Mr. Sage, which forced the majority of the Board of Management, to sever their connections with the institution.

The real matter at issue is the fact that the usefulness of Mr. Taylor as Executive Secretary has been destroyed by his own conduct and indifference to public sentiment and the moral standards of the community. The majority of the Board of Management recognized this fact, and in an effort to save the morale of the institution and to preserve these standards, they called for Mr. Taylor's resignation. The Board of Directors, through the dictatorial attitude assumed by Mr. Sage, has flouted the expression of this moral sentiment, wounded the self-respect of the community and its representatives in the Board of Management, in its effort to foist Mr. Taylor upon a community, where his usefulness has ended.

No raising of false issues nor talk of libel suits can change these facts.

"Y" a nervous wreck.

New York age 4/30/21

"Y" WORK COLORED STAFF HOLDS 3 DAYS' SESSION

The national staff of the Bureau of Colored Work of the Young Women's Christian Association met for three days to consider the problem they are facing throughout the whole country.

The staff is composed of Miss Eva D. Bowles, director, Bureau of Colored Work; Miss Mary E. Jackson, industrial secretary; Mrs. Cordelia A. Winnfield city secretary; Miss Crystal Bird, secretary for girls; Miss Juliette Derricotte, student secretary; Miss Clavda Williams, recreation secretary; Mrs. Ethel Kindle, personnel secretary; Miss Mae C. Hawes, campaign director; Miss Almira Holmes, religious secretary; Miss Adela F. Ruffin, city secretary, South Atlantic field; Miss Juanita J. Saddler, student secretary, South Atlantic Field; Miss May Belcher, supervisor colored work, South Central Field.

TO HOLD MASS MEETING ON Y. M. C. A. SITUATION

New York age 5/14/21

Will Harlem stand for autocratic domination of the Young Men's Christian Association on West 135th street?

Shall the white board down town dictate moral standards to colored men uptown?

These questions will be answered by noted speakers and your vote at a great mass meeting in the Metropolitan Baptist Church, corner 128th street and 7th avenue, Tuesday evening, May 17th, 1921.

Among the speakers will be the Rev. Dr. Frank M. Hyder, Miss Belle Johnson and Fred R. Moore. Walter E. Handy will preside.

The public is cordially invited. Come early to get a seat.

Y.M.C.A.

New York.

Ten "Y" Directors Leave Local Board

Act When City Board Reverses Action on Secretary Taylor's Resignation

Not 'Rubber Stamps'

Members Issue Statement Reviewing Case --Self-Respecting Colored Men Could Not Be Tools for the White Board.

New York Age 4/9/21

Ten members of the eighteen composing the Committee of Management of the West 135th street branch of the Y. M. C. A., the colored organization located in Harlem, have severed their connection with that body. This action was taken as a result of the decision of the executive committee of the City Board of Directors, with headquarters at 2 West 45th street, to retain Thomas E. Taylor as executive secretary of the colored branch notwithstading that the local committee had, on February 18th, demanded the secretary's resignation.

The men who in this manner assert their sense of self-respect and manhood, comprise some of the most distinguished and prominent men of the race in the City of New York, including pastors of five of Manhattan's largest churches, a member of the New York Board of Aldermen, a former member of the New York Board of Education who is a leading physician, a dentist, chiropodist and a business man. They are:

Dr. EUGENE P. ROBERTS, (chairman), physician, former member of the Board of Education, New York City.

WALTER E. HANDY, (recording secretary), proprietor house cleaning business, West 53rd street.

Dr. CHARLES H. ROBERTS, (treasurer), dentist, member of Board of Aldermen, New York City.

Rev. WILLIAM P. HAYES, pastor Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, West 53rd street.

Dr. JONAS EMANUEL, chiropodist, West 53rd street.

Rev. A. CLAYTON POWELL, pastor Abyssinian Baptist Church, West 40th street.

Dr. BENJAMIN T. WITHERS, dentist, Lenox avenue.

Rev. WILLIAM H. BROOKS, pastor St. Marks M. E. Church, West 53rd street.

Rev. FRANK M. HYDER, pastor St. James Presbyterian Church, West 137th street.

Rev. J. W. BROWN, pastor Mother A. M. E. Zion Church, West 136th street.

Asked for Taylor's Resignation.

At its meeting on February 18th the local Committee of Management of the colored branch Y. M. C. A., decided, by a vote of 8 to 7, to ask for the resignation of Thomas E. Taylor, executive secretary, because of certain alleged indiscretions committed through too intimate association with the young woman employed in the "Y" as secretary to the executive. A thorough sifting of the matter was had, and although Taylor disclaimed any wrongdoing in his contact with the young woman, it was thought that because of the fact that both Taylor and his secretary were married persons, although living apart from their respective wife and husband, their association was indiscreete to the extent that Taylor's usefulness as a Y. M. C. A. secretary was seriously impaired.

The local committee, before taking this action, had consulted Walter T. Dieck, general secretary for the City Board, and had been told by that official that the local board's action would be sustained by the general board, as the members of the local board had controlling authority in affairs of the local branch.

City Board Refused Approval.

But the City Board has refused to approve the action of the local board, and through Wm. H. Sage, a member of the general board, said to be acting in the capactiy of the board's attorney, word has been received to the effect that while Taylor may have been indiscreet in his actions he will not be removed as executive secretary. The statement was made by Mr. Sage to an Age representative that the local Committee of Management has no plenary power whatever. That control is vested absolutely in the general board, which owns the property, appoints the local board and selects the executive secretary, who is really the general boards personal representative and amenable only to that body.

Members of the local board resented the idea that they were acting in the capacity of "rubber stamps" and were simply tools in the hands of the white board," and so they held a meeting on Monday afternoon, April 4th, at the residence of Dr. Eugene P. Roberts, chairman of the Committee of Management, and took under consideration the action of the general board.

Property Rights in Y. M. C. A. Buildings a Pregnant Query

Taylor Refused to Allow Circulation of "Y" Bulletin Carring Pres. Harding's Picture---Is Taylor a Citizen?

New York Age 4/23/21

Colored men and women who have contributed large sums toward the erection and maintenance of the buildings occupied as branch Y. M. C. A. homes for Negro members are deeply interested by developments in the case of the West 135th Street Branch of the Y. M. C. A. of New York City, which show that the colored members have no property rights whatever in the association building.

As was brought out in the story published in The Age of April 16th, the investment of approximately $80,000 in the New York building by colored people of New York carried with it absolutely no ownership interest, and the action of the General City Board of Directors in overriding the decision of the local Committee of Management in the matter of the resignation of Thomas E. Taylor, executive secretary of the West 135th street branch, proved that the white officials down town retain control of the internal management of the colored branch, the local board being mere figureheads except in mattters where they were content to serve according to the dictates of the white board.

Ten of the most prominent men making up the local board refused to be tools or cats' paws for the City Board and have severed their connection with the "Y" work. As told in last week's Age, the women's auxiliary, headed by Miss Belle Johnson of St. Marks M. E. Church as president, and composed of seventy-five women who have done a splendid work for the association, has also withdrawn itself from active support of the Y. M. C. A.

Many Changes in Personnel.

Reports concerning many changes in the personnel of departmental secretaries and directors under the present executive secretary indicate that Taylor has either failed to preserve harmony within the local officers or else he has shown himself a poor judge of men in selecting his assistants. Some five or six of the departmental heads have either resigned or been forced out of the "Y" employment during recent months. In some of these cases the executive secretary charged that the men were inefficient failures, but in every case it appears that these men have gone into other employment and made good in every particular.

In one case, a departmental head tendered his resignation specifically because he would not continue at work under an executive secretary whose actions made him liable to such criticisms as were directed at Taylor because of his association with Mrs. Conley, who was at that time employed as his private secretary. This man, William H. Kindle, who had been connected with the West 135th street branch as physical director, is now executive secretary of the colored branch Y. M. C. A. recently opened at Englewood, N. J., and is doing a splendid work.

Other heads of departments characterized by Taylor as "failures" were Walker C. Cole, former busines director, who is now employed by one of the largest downtown business houses as a bookkeeper, and William West, former secretary of the religious department, who is now professor of history and allied subjects at Talladega College, Alabama. Mr. Alston, membership secretary, is no longer connected with the "Y", his dismissal being based, according to Taylor, upon a lack of funds wherewith to pay his salary. Two other departmental empolyes, reported to have beeen requested by Taylor to resign, are said to be still members of the "Y" staff, with some uncertainty as to the future tenure of their service.

Is Taylor a Citizen?

Some of Mr. Taylor's acquaintances have brought into the matter a question of the secretary's citizenship and loyalty to this country. It is alleged that he is a native of Canada and has never taken out naturalization papers. A former member of the local board is authority for the report that Mr. Taylor has himself declared that he is not a citizen of the United States.

In this connection, an interesting story is recited of the action taken by secretary Taylor in connection with an issue of the association's weekly bulletin, *The New Sign*, in which the bulletin editor published a portrait of President-elect Harding, following the close of the Presidential campaign in November, 1920. It is stated that when the issue was printed and delivered to the "Y" building, and Mr. Taylor discovered that the President-elect's picture was shown on its front page, he became exceedingly wroth. Notwithstanding protest from the bulletin editor and from at least one member of the local board of directors, Taylor ordered the destruction of the entire issue of the *New Sign* and had a new edition printed with President Harding's picture entirely absent.

It will be of interest to many to know why Mr. Taylor objected to President Harding's picture in the "Y" publication. The columns of The Age are

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open to Mr. Talyor for any explanation or statement he may care to make.

The question of property rights in "Y" buildings, in proportion to the amounts contributed by Negroes, is a matter of general interest. THE AGE is in receipt of a leter from a former prominent Y. M. C. A. worker, who writes as follows:

"Inasmuch as the Y. M. C. A. scrap has been bobbing up in various angles in many places, I am glad that it has at last come up in New York. That you will fight to the finish is good news to many of us who have attempted to stand our ground on principle. This brings to my mind the fundamental question of property rights involving the erection of the Y. M. C. A. buildings for colored people. The entire metropolitan plan is going to be worthless unless the Negroes who contribute money and who make up the constituency for the Association will have a voice in property determination. In this we have the complete story. This is the story of the reluctance of Negroes in various cities to contribute either toward the erection of the building or their maintenance. This is the story of the insistence on the part of a few sensible Negroes to have representation on the Central Board of Management as well as Board of Trustees. You see in all this the whip which is held over the colored men when any stir in the waters arise. I am glad that the fight has come up in New York. The Negro of New York is a finished fighter. Go to it."

New York Age 5/16/16

Addressing the vast crowd which thronged Mother A. M. E. Zion Church on Wednesday evening, April 27th, on the occasion of the mass meeting of protest by the citizens against the present conditions obtaining at the West 135th street branch Y. M. C. A., Dr. William H. Brooks clarified the situation considerably when he stated that:

"The crux of the question is, Shall white men dictate who colored men shall have to work with them and for them, without consultation with these colored men whether the parties are fit or unfit?"

Dr. Brooks further declared that the members of the local board who had evidenced their manhood and retained their self-respect by resigning from the body, had neither to affirm or deny newspaper publications concerning Thomas E. Taylor, executive secretary of the Y. M. C. A., since their actions were not based on these publications. The board is not fighting Taylor, but Taylorism, as exemplified in his assumed attitude as regards the relation of his personal actions with his official position.

"The question of our Y. M. C. A.," said Dr. Brooks, "did not rise with the resigning members, but was brought to us by some of (a) the young men of the Association, (b) by parents and guardians on the behalf of their relations, (c) by some of the distinguished members remaining on the board."

The ten men who resigned from the local board have issued a statement in reply to the statement issued by the eight remaining members, a synopsis of which was given in THE AGE last week, which purported to give a true and definite account of the differences, including money paid by Negroes to the "Y," which have arisen concerning the retention of Taylor as secretary of the Harlem colored branch. The statement is as follows:

THE EVASION STATEMENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In a signed article appearing in some of our papers last week, the Board of Directors assert that the colored people have thus far contributed $14.565.47. This is a mischievous half-truth. What are the facts in the case?

When the new building was undertaken the colored people were asked to take $45,000 as their share. This they gladly assumed. But as we did not have the cash, we were forced to borrow that amount at the regular rate of 5 per cent. interest. The directors assured us that we could borrow that amount from them and this was done. The point is immaterial whether we borrowed the money in the open market or from the Directors, they had the use paying them interest. The $14,565.47 represents merely the amount that we have paid back on the principal, leaving a balance of $30,434.53. Hence the colored people should have the credit for the whole $45,000 which they borrowed and have been paying interest on and have reduced the principal by two or three thousand each year to the present figure. In addition to this the Board of Directors hold the 53rd street property valued at $38,000 or $39,000.

"Another evasion. Why do the Directors insist on the accuracy of the newspaper article, when that has had little or no bearing on the case? Mr. Diack was present at the February meeting and knows that Mr. Taylor's resignation was requested on the ground of his questionable relationship with his private secretary. This complaint was admitted by Mr. Taylor who sought to justify it. Would the Directors sustain a white secretary in any of its branches, he being a married man living apart from his wife, if it were known that repeatedly he visited the private apartmenr of his secretary, she being a married woman living apart from her husband, and that he remained until the hours between one and two in the morning, and when cautioned by the Board of Management, reply 'that was his personal affair, over which the Board had no authority?'..It is unthinkable.

"But one of the prominent white members of the Board of Management of a large white branch, was present at Mother Zion Church on Wednesday evening and heard the discussion and voluntarily called up the next morning, and said, 'The Board of Directors would not dare act in their branch as they had done in the Colored Men's branch. That they would not stand for it five minutes.

"Why do Christian Directors evade the issue and trip fantastically along the narrow edge of truth?

"There is a new Negro in town who no longer accepts every statement made, merely because made by one who happens to be white. We ask for the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

"With the many crushed hearts, broken homes, and an ever increasing divorce scandal, is it not time for white and blacks to unite for the defence of the home, the sacredness of the marriage obligations and endeavor to raise the standard of civic and moral righteousness?"

(Signed)

E. P. ROBERTS, A. CLAYTON POWELL, WALTER E. HANDY, BENJAMIN T. WITHERS, CHARLES H. ROBERTS, WILLIAM H. BROOKS, WILLIAM P. HAYES, FRANK M. HYDER, JAMES W. BROWN, JONAH EMANUEL.

ASK SQUARE DEAL FOR SECRET'RY OF CHRISTIAN ASSN.

New York Times 5/14/16

Leading Business Men of Harlem and Members of Governing Board Riddle Pretexts of Rough Shod Opponents of Taylor

Characterizing as "puerile in the extreme" the action of the ten members of the Committee of Management of the 135th Street Branch, Y. M. C. A., who resigned in a body last Friday because their action in 'dismissing" Secretary Thomas E. Taylor from his position as head of the Branch was not sustained by the "white Board" downtown, the remaining eight members nevertheless state that it is the best thing that could possibly have happened to the Branch.

Every statement made by the ten resigning members was categorically denied by former Assemblyman E. A. Johnson, John E. Nail, president of Nail & Parker, and other members of the Committee of Management who are backing Secretary Taylor in his fight.

'In the first place," said Nail, "the disgruntled members of the committee state that those who have resigned are the most prominent members on that committee. I deny that fact. Those who remain are every bit as prominent and, furthermore, are not hidebound reactionaries."

Nail then gave the following list as constituting the committee who had refused to be stampeded into demanding Secretary Taylor's resignation:

The Present Committee.

Rev. Dr. Hutchens C. Bishop, for the last 37 years rector of St. Phillips Protestant Episcopal Church, the largest and most influential church institution among colored people in the world.

Rev. R. M. Bolden, pastor of First Emanuel Church, one of the most influential colored ministers in Harlem.

Former Assemblyman E. A. Johnson, an attorney, for many years dean of Shaw University, an author of national reputation, a big property owner in New York City, and the first Negro to be sent to the Assembly from the North Harlem district.

Henry C. Parker, secretary and treasurer of Nail & Parker, Inc., the largest colored real estate and brokerage firm in the world, with offices at 145 West 135th Street; also president of the Hiltonian Realty Co. and president of the West 98th Street Taxpayer's Association.

A. S. Newman (white), a retired capitalist, who has been intensely interested in the 135th Street Branch since its inception.

A. T. Anderson, the pioneer Negro furniture dealer of Harlem.

J. A. Anderson, a member of the Internal Revenue Service.

John E. Nail, president of Nail & Parker, Inc., president of the Association of Trade and Commerce, a member of the Urban League, and reputed to be the wealthiest Negro in Harlem.

Denies Loss of Power.

Nail also denied that the committee was dominated by the "white Board" any more so than it had been in the past.

"The members are operating under the same system now as the founders adopted 20 years ago," he said. "When General Secretary Diack was asked at one of the meetings if he would make objection to the dismissal of Taylor he stated he would never interfere with the acts of the Committee of Management of any of the branches providing that committee was competent to act.

"The inference is that he considered the Committee incompetent to act, though as a matter of fact he merely requested the Committee to reconsider its action relating to the suggested resignation of Secretary Taylor.

"The further statement of the resigning members that 'no self-respecting colored man could serve on the Committee of Management" is most emphatically denied, for I certainly have not lost my self-respect by continuing to serve, nor have any of the other seven members."

Did Not Invest "Thousands"

Both Nail and former Assemblyman Johnson vigorously denied that the colored people "had thousands of dollars invested in the 135th Street Branch." It was stated that the Branch had cost $376,000, of which amount the colored people had invested only $10,000. The General Board, it was said, had borrowed $173,000 to erect and equip the building, and was personally responsible for this sum. Therefore the final authority should rest with it.

The position of the remaining members is that they will stand by Secretary Taylor until the charges against him have been proved.

"I do not feel I have lost my self-respect by demanding an impartial trial for Taylor," said Nail. "If he is proved guilty I shall be the first to vote for his dismissal, but the facts must first be proved. Not a single bit of evidence to sustain the charges has ever been produced, and though I have no personal interest in Secretary Taylor, I stand for a square deal.'

One of the remaining members stated that during a committee meeting a minister had said, "I don't care whether Secretary Taylor is innocent or guilty. The rumors alone are sufficient to warrant his dismissal."

No new members will be elected to fill the places of those who have resigned, it is said, but the present committee will function until its term expires at the end of the year.

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(By EUGENE R. PENDLETON, State Supervisor

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Eugene R.Pendleton, State Supervisor

The giving of free scholarships to ex-service men by the National Young men's Christian Association, after extending over a period nearly two years, has reached an end, and some intersting figures have resulted.

Several millions of dollars were set aside to be used for education in army and navy navy during the war by this organization, which plans were brhougt to a conclusion in Europ by the termination of the war.The funds left wisly we think, diverted to the continuance of this program on the home soil, and a sum around $5,000,000 dollars was appropriated for free scholar ship to honorably discharged American soldiers and sailors. This sum was proated by states according to population. The amount falling to the South was $129,367.58, divided among Alabama, Arkansas , Flordia, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi,, North Carolna,South, Tennessee and Virginia. This sum was awarded to 13,263 students in variouus schools of the counry. The awards were proportion between white and negro applicants by percentage in war, and showed that the whites of the South had 70 per cent and the negroes 30 percent. South Carolina, having a large negro population, shows 55 per cent white and 45 per cent negro.

South Carolina, with a sum of $75. 764.79 thus divided, issued 469 scholar ship to white students and 286 to negro, a toal of 755 men helped. The awards were made to schools anywhere irrespective of location, except that they must come with in the definition of real schools. There are South Carolina students now graduating in several hundred schools and universities, ranging from preparatory to collegiate, who would be out of school but for this help, as is found out by many letters received by the supervisor. Many have been stimulated to take up where they left off when called by war, and others are on their way to get an education by this start.

The money has been distribnted carefully thru country and state commitees of both races, and the books closed May 31st. Rev. Eugene R. Pendleton, Baptist pastor at Pendleton, who was overseas a year, was asked to supervise this work for the Palmetto state, and with the closing of the books his function ceased. The work has been conduted in conjunction with the State Y. M. C. A. Mr. T. B. Lanham, General Secretary, Columbia, will be able to give any further information or advice required.

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FORM COLORED Y. M. C. A.

Committee Named to Obtain Building and Work Out Plans.

A colored Young Men's Christian Association was organized yesterday afternoon at a meeting of Memphis negroes, held at the Henderson Business College, colored. More than 100 were in attendance at the meeting and a committee was appointed to perfect the organization and to obtain quarters for the association. Dr. E. E. George, secretary of the white Y. M. C. A., addressed the meeting and pledged the co-operation of his organization. An address on "Service," was made by Clifford C. French, of the Sheldon Business College, Chicago.

Those attending the meeting were unanimous in their approval of the plan to organize a colored Y. M. C. A., which will provide a place of recreation for the negro men of the city.

The committee appointed to complete the organization is: Prof. Geo. W. Henderson, chairman; F. G. Smelson, Jr., secretary; G. O. Gill, Rev. S. M. Broom, Prof. W. A. Locke and William S. Joy.

Music was furnished at the meeting by members of the Colored Musicians' Union, representing Local No. 781.

STATEMENT OF COLORED "Y" WORK

NINE YEARS' RECORD OF ACTIVITIES OF THE COLORED MEN'S BRANCH

Executive Secretary Presents Compilation of Statistics Covering His Period

Nashville Globe 6/18/21

By Wm. Sanders

Nine years ago, I was called to Nashville to take part in what seemed was a nation-wide movement to erect modern Young Men's Christian Association buildings for colred men in citeis of more than 100,000 inhabitants, whose percentage of colored citizens justified the erection of a modern Y. M. C. A. building for the exclusive use of colred men. My attention was turned to Young Men's Christian Association work while a student in Benedict College, Columbia, S. C., as a result of three o four efforts on the part of represen tatives of the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association with headquarters in New York City. The matter was finally and formally closed when I accepted the definite and formal call of the Board of Directors of the Nashville Young Men's Christian Association to begin work April 1, 1912. It was the plan of the Board of Directors it appear from a letter to me by the General Secretary under date of January 31, 1912, to pitch a financial campaign for the erection of a modern building February 26, 1912. It was further understood that the erection of the new building would follow immediately.

The proposed campaign, however, was not pitched until March, 1914, and then among colred citizens only for $30,000. In making the appeal to colored citizens, the campaign committee stated, as a basis for its appeal, that the colored citizens, upon getting $30,000 in bona fide subscriptions, would receive $45,000 from the local Central white Young Men's Christian Association, thereby qualifying Nashville for a $25,000 gift from Mr. Julius Rosenwald, a Chicago philanthropist, to erect a $100,000 Y. M. C. A. building. Three years later in March, 1917, a city wide financial campaign for $159,000 was pitched by the Central white Young Men's Christian Association, in which the $45,000 they had promised was included.

The cash which resulted from the 1914 campaign among colored people, together with $3,000 which the colored people were able to raise, made possible the purchase of the old Duncan Hotel in the month of December, 1916. The building was turned over to the Colored Branch Y. M. C. A. January 1, 1917, and on the night of January 8, after considerable effort to advertise the fact that the building was actually in the hands of the Colored Association, a big get-together meeting for the purpose of raising additional funds was held in the big dining room on the second floor of the newly purchased building, the Duncan Hotel. At this meeting several hundred were present and more than $500 in cash was raised, and several additional subscriptions were made by citizens who had formerly subscribed liberally, among which was $1,000 by Preston Taylor, R. H. Boyd and H. A. Boyd, respectively; $100 each being paid cash on that night. Thes men having already paid $1,000 to the building fund.

In less than 90 days from this get together meeting the city-wide campaign above referred to, by the Central Y. M. C. A., was pitched but was not successful in raising the necessary amount to make good their pledge of $45,000. It was the plan at the time of pitching this campaign to remodel the building. Experts on Association architecture were called in from New York City. It was their opinion, along with the opinion of local architects, that the cost of modernizing the building for Association activities would be approximately $40,000. Blue prints were made out at an approximate cost of $500, indicating the necessary changes.

In less than three months the question was put by the General Secretary, "Now you have the Duncan Hotel building, what are you going to do with it?" The Committee of Management met and formally considered the matter of handling the building for Association work. After careful and prayerful consideration, they finall decided that the would make the best of a bad situation.

The matter of purchasing the old Duncan Hotel for Association work was first considered b the colored citizens themselves in 1914. I had a definite understanding with the Board of Directors for a modern building at a cost of no less than $100,000 before coming to Nashville. therefore I stated to the General Secretary upon learning that the colored citizens were considering the purchase of this building for Association work, that if they secured the Duncan Hotel, then I preferred that they secure the services of another man to operate it. The matter was dropped until about three years later. At this time, as a result of failure on the part of the Central Association to keep their promise in raising the $45,000 in bona fide subscriptions to meet the Rosenwald challenge, the Colored Association momement as one citizen put it, "was rapidly dying of dry rot." It was at this time that I, an Executive Secretary, when called into conference by the General Secretary, Mr. S. W. McGill, and asked whether I was open for a new position or for an old position be considered anew, replied that I am open for anything which will bring relief to the awful condition in which the effort to erect a Colored Association building has fallen. It was then that I was told that the old Duncan Hotel was again on the market for about $55,000 less than it was three years previous. I expressed my approval and urged that we make the purchase as soon as possible.

After five years of waiting on the Board of Directors to perfect plans for the erection of a modern Association building at a cost of at least $100,000, I concluded that after all it was the colored citizens whom I had come to serve, and should therefore respect their views in the matter of purchasing the Duncan Hotel. The idea advanced three years ago by leading Negro citizens triumphed. The building was purchased and moved into without remodeling or renovating.

Our first effort, June 1, 1917, was to care for a delegation of several hundred male Sunday school representatives who were in attendance at a Baptist Sunday school workers' conference known as the Sunday School Congress. Our next step in this direction was that of caring for more than a hundred soldiers for three weeks, supplying 6,000 meals, and lodging for a large per cent of this number. In September, 1917, at the monthly meeting of the Committee of Management, I reported that as a result of the efforts to care for the Sunday School Congress delegation and the soldiers, a balance in the bank, with all current accounts adjusted, of approximately $1,200.00. This encouraged greatly the members of the Committee of Management and they decided to make the effort of their lives to go through the winter, conducting such activities as their limited equipment and funds would permit. Bed linen, towels and soap were purchased, winter fuel was put in, and the program for the winter of 1917 was briefly outlined and efforts made to put it over. The building immediately became not only a splendid headquarters for the members of the Association and their friends, but it was the one place for the thousands of soldiers and strangers who found lodging and friendly atmosphere as they moved from place to place during the period of the war. As many as 75 male transients would often drop in without notice for lodging and meals. The 40,000 mechanics and laborers who came to Nashville to seek employment at the Power Plant made the Association building a sort of general headquarters. In addition to this, war activities of many kinds, including campaigns for Thrift Savings Stamps, Liberty Bonds, Red Cross The Young Men's Christian Association and its allied agencies made the building their headquarters. It was estimated that more than 12,000 soldiers were vitally touched by the Association during the war period as a direct result of the use of this building. On two separate trips, I accompanied hundreds of soldiers to camps where they were to be trained for military service. In each case before leaving the city farewell meetings were held in the building. Several hundred soldiers, while making ready for enlistment, were given physical examinations in the Gymnasium.

At the close of the great world war the Colored Association, with its inadequate equipment, was called upon to reunder the returning soldiers a service similar to that of other Associations throughout the country by giving them the three months' free membership privileges. And also in keeping with the practice of other Associations, transient soldiers passing through the city were given lodging at a reduction of one third the usual transient rate during the entire period of the war.

The reconstruction program was outlined by the War Work Council was begun early in 1919 and was continued for about eighteen months I along with another member of the Association, attended one of the sessions of the "Y" Community School where the reconstruction program was carefully worked out in Gammon Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Ga., before begining the work for the purpose of acquainting ourselves with the national program as outlined by experts.

Thus during the war and reconstruction period, the Colored Association, with inexperienced help, conducted to the best possible advantage a few of the essential activities on a self-sustaining basis. The community was in no mood during this period for giving finacial assistance to the Colored Branch Y. M. C. A. therefore, no appeals were made. I was forced to operate by funds paid by the members ip only. The precedent set in 1917 in this respect has been followed until now. I have felt that I was sufficiently familiar with the financial burden which the Board of Directors of the Central Y. M. C. A. was carrying with an enormous debt on their building, to be patient under the trying and unusual conditions which were forced upon us.

January 1, 1917, the Committee of Management and myself were urged to do everything possible to realize sufficient revenue from the ground floor store rooms to make a payment of $2,000 yearly on the building debt and to pay interest charges amounting to about $2,500, along with the insurance premiums on policies amountig to more than $50,000. The Committee of Management and Advisory Board and friends of the colored work in trying to find desirable tenants were up against the proposition to live down the charge made by a few that the Colored Branch Association had a "white elephan"

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on its hands as a result of the purchase of the Duncan Hotel. Their personal efforts and influences were used in trying to select the best paying tenants possible, but at the same time tenants who would bring no discredit upon the Association.

Shortly after occupying the building, the People's Savings Bank and Trust Company on Cedar street raised the question of renting the lobby for its home. At the time there was a general impression among some that the prices for rentig various store rooms would shortly be greatly reduced; so when the matter of renting the lobby for $75.00 per month came up it was temporarily dropped. About a year later the officials of the People's Savings Bank and Trust Company again raised the question of renting the lobby. The mater was taken before the executive committee, and after thinking it through carefully, the conclusion was reached that on account of the Association's inability to operate many of the Association standard activities the lobby had better be retained for the exclusive use of the members as a sort of socializing place at least until better provision could be made for them. The matter of renting the lobby was again dropped.

In the early part of 1920, the feeling began to grow upon me that the Board of Directors, the Committee of Management and the Advisory Board were too deeply absorbed in the matter of meeting the annual notes on the building debt, paying interest charges and insurance premiums to give their attention to the promotion of the Association activities. I worked out two separate lists of recommendations, one was sent to the Committee of Management and the other to the Board of Directors of the Central Y. M. C. A. in March, 1920 (see copy of recommendations here attached). These recommendations were sent with the hope that new steps would be taken to make some move for renovation, renting additional store room space, and making a survey to determine what should be further done under the circumstances. These recommendations were never definitely acted upon.

Under these conditions the program for the year 1920-1921 was begun. It provided for systematic work a begining of standard work among boys and new plans were worked out for industrial work and educational work, primarily among ex-soldiers with the assistance of the State Committee. Practically all these plans, though carefully thought through many weeks and many months ahead, were upset as a result of the state of uncertainty in which we found ourselves in October, 1920 when the rumor got afloat that the Y. M. C. A. building would be sold and transferred on or before January 1, 1921.

Please find attached letters under date of January 31, 1912, and May 1920. These letters were written the General Secretaries of the Y. M. C. A. and about eight years apart.

Activities.

In spite of much which may be said of an unfavorable nature, the work is carried on as follwst:

Religious Work—

(a) Nine shop meetings weekly with an average attendance even in these dull times of more than fifty.

(b) Two weekly Bible study groups.

(c) Sunday afternoon men's meetings.

(d) One Bible study group in the building.

Physical Work—

(a) Basket ball.

(b) Mass games.

(c) Boxing.

Educational Work—

(a) Night school, three nights per week. Enrollment about thirty. Subjects taught: English, Commercial Arithmetic, Commercial Law, Shorthand and Typewriting.

Boys' Work—

Plans under way but not quite perfected.

Industrial Work

(a) Thrift, home gardening, etc.

Special Features—

(a) Evangelistic campaign. (See printed report.)

(b) War work record. (See pamphlet No. 1.)

(c) Attached pamphlet giving a condensed account of the privileges which the Association accords its members under the caption, "Chairman Boyd's 14 Points," as follows.

1. Shower bath room with eight showers on first floor.

2. Magazines, daily and weekly papers.

3. Use of Parcel Room and fire proof safe.

4. Employment service, no extra charges.

5. Use of telephone (Main 1441)

6. Use of billiard tables at 2 1 cents per cue, 12:00 m. to 10 p. m.

7. The use of the piano.

8. A commodious lobby with writing conveniences and material, checker boards for games, etc.

9. Careful attention given your mail, telephonic and telegraphic calls.

10. Use of gymnasium, volley ball, hand ball and indoor base ball.

11. Complete wash room and toilet equipment in basement.

12. Club rooms for Association members, civic and religious workers who are members of clubs, for religious and civic improvement.

13. (a) Full directions given for finding Y. M. C. A. buildings in other cities, and special letters of introduction are given upon request.

13. (b) Gladly render reasonable favors to Association members' friends and to strangers.

14. Privileges extended to offer suggestions and to co-operate with a big movement for the betterment of young men, the advancement of the community and of our Master's Kingdom.

Hundreds of young men find employment through the Association yearly. Scores without funds find the glad hand out to help in many ways.

Building Site and Duncan Hotel Purchases.

March 1, 1915, about one year after the $30,000 Building Fund Campaign, conducted by the colored citizens for the proposed new building, property on the corner of Sixth Avenue and Cedar street, owned by Arabel H Bowman and a second lot in charge of Duncan F. Kenner as trustee were purchased for a modern Y. M. C. A. building for colored men at a cost of $14,000. At the time this property was purchased there was a joint committee made up of white and colored men, Messrs. Trawick O'Callahagn and Wallace, and Sanders and Boyd, who had several meetings for the purpose of determining the most suitable location for the home of the Colored Y. M. C. A. Several places were up for consideration. It was finally decided that the above mentioned property was the most suitable.

In the fall of 1916, when it appeared that there was no hope for the immediate erection of a building as was first planned on the corner of Sixth avenue and Cedar street, the question of considering anew the old Duncan Hotel came up. I was called in for a conference by the General Secretary, Mr. S. W. McGill, and was advised that the Duncan Hotel could be secured for $60,000, but it was later developed that it could not be purchased for less than $70,000. Immediately steps were taken to have the deal closed. The Committee of Management and Advisory Board, after being conferred with, authorized the Chairman and Secretary to close the deal. It was found later that upon selling the two lots on the corner of Cedar street and Sixth avenue that there would be only $7,000 cash to the credit of the Colored Y. M. C. A. It was understood that a purchase payment of $20,000 had to be paid in cash. The Committee of Management was advised of this fact and was requested to supplement the $7,000 equity in Cedar street with $3,006 additional, making a total of $10,000 from the Colored Branch, and the Board of Directors would take steps to secure the additional $10,000 necessary for closing the deal.

While the Duncan Hotel purchase was being considered a group of leading white business men met with a similar group of colred men for the purpose of considering first the advisability of the purchase, and, second, the means of making this first cash payment. Said meeting was held in the Board of Directors' room of the Nashville Trust Company. Among the men present were Mr. Joe Thompson, president of the Nashville Trust Company; Mr. W. R. Cole, Maj E. B. Stahlman, Mr. J. H. Allison Managing Editor of the Tennessean, Mr. W. O. Tirrill, local manger of the Graham Paper Company; Mr. S W. McGill and J. C. Napier, Preston Taylor, Henry Allen Boyd, R. H Boyd and W. N. Sanders. At this meeting the financial condition of the Colored Y. M. C. A. was thoroughly gone into. At the close of the meeting it was evident that favorable sentiment had been made for the purchase of the Duncan Hotel. At a later conference it developed that additional steps should be taken to close out the deal. It was then up to the Committee of Management to turn over to the Board of Directors the additional $3,000 which was required as our pro rata on this first cash payment. The question of arranging for a "financial rally" among the colored people was considered, but the idea was finally abandoned with the feeling that it would probably be better to purchase the building and have a financial rally at a later date. The chairman of the Committee of Management, along with the Executive Secretary, took steps for securing their additional $3,000. It was finally decided that we take steps to borrow the money. The late Mr. Joe Thompson, who was at that time chairman of the Executive Committee of the Central Y. M. C. A. and president of the Nashville Trust Co., agreed to have the Nashville Trust Company lend us this amount. A note was secured and the signatures of the members of the Committee of Management, including A. N. Johnson, who was cautious to sign his name officially as a member of the Committee of Management, and Preston Taylor and R. H. Boyd of the Advisory Board. When this note was presented to Mr. Thompson at the Nashville Trust Company, we were advised that in addition to the endorsement of the note by these men, it was the rule of the company to have collateral for additional protection. The Chairman of the Committee of Management, Henry Allen Boyd, suggested his home on the corner of 16th avenue and Harding street, $3,000 of Nasaville Globe stock and $3,000 worth of One Cent Savings Bank stock. Mr. Thompson, after thinking the matter through, advised that he would accept the $3,000 worth of One Cent Savings Bank stock. This stock was immediately secured and turned over to Mr. Thompson, and I understand that it is now in the Nashville Trust Company's possession as security on said note. The check was issued to the Central Y. M. C. A. covering the amount of $3,000. This done, the chairman and myself felt that it was now up to the chairman of the Board of Directors, Mr. W. O. Tirrill, and the General Secretary, Mr. S. W. McGill, to close the deal. The purchase was made.

Steps were also taken for making the sale of the Sixth avenue and Cedar street property, which was purchased in 1914, as was stated above for $14,000. The sale was finally made to the Tennessee Capital Association for $15,259.55.

Committees.

The Committee of Management has grown in interest and in number. In 1912 the Committee of Management was made up of Dr. R. H. Boyd, Henry A. Boyd, A. N. Johnson, Dr. S. S Caruthers, Prof. H. L. Keith, Dr. C V. Roman, Prof. F. N. Green and Dr. A. M. Townsend. There have been slight changes from time to time, but no one has left the Committee of Management during these nine years because of lack of interest or as a result of dissatisfaction with the manner in which the work was conducted under the circumstances. The Advisory Board was first made up of J. C. Napier, Dr. R. H. Boyd, Rev. Preston Taylor, Dr. C. V. Roman and W. T. Hightower. The function of this committee was then and is now to advise and counsel with the Committee of Management when their advice is thought necessary. They are frequently called in by the Committee of Management, meeting with the understanding that they have the same privilege of any member of the Committee of Management, except that of voting.

After the successful launching of the 1914 Building Fund Campaign, the Board of Directors of the Nashville Y. M. C. A. seemed to have been hopeful for the future of the Colored Y. M. C. A., so much so that they appointed what was known as a joint committee on Colored work This committee, as above stated, first consisted of Mr. Arch Trawick as chairman. Associated with him were Dr. W. J. O'Callahagn and Prof. C. B. Wallace, Mr. Henry Allen Boyd and myself. Later when the Duncan Hotel was purchased the committee was revised, having still as its chairman Mr. Trawick, associated with him Mr. H. C. Hibbs and J. W. P. Brown Chairman of the Board of Directors; and Henry Allen Boyd and myself. This committee, so far as I know, is the joint committee on colored work now, 1921.

Building Fund Campaigns.

The $75,000 Building Fund Campaign which was considered for February 26, 1912, before I came to Nashville, was finally launched Mar. 20, 1914, for $30,000. The first question for consideration after the Campaign Committee had been selected was that of selecting the one man of the community who was best qualified to make the campaign a success. Henry Allen Boyd, who at the time was a floor member of the Committee of Management, was approached upon the matter of serving as chairman of this committee. At first he, along with his father, expressed a feeling that his duties were such that he could not reasonably hope to make this campaign a success. After having been prevailed upon at length, he went against the judgment of his father and accepted the chairmanship of the Committee of Management The committee gave him to understand that they expected him as chairman to do everything in his power to make the campaign a success. His first step was that of calling the committee together to have supper with him at his home. A large per cent of the members of the committee responded to this call. It was at

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this meeting that he felt that the initial subscriptions should be made by the members of the Campaign Committee. After the supper had been served, subscription cards were passed around and the word went out that the future of the young Negro manhood of Nashville was at stake and Nashville expects the men here present to do their best. Very soon the subscription cards were turned in, most of the men present having subscribed. The chairman of the meeting announced the total of between five and six thousand dollars subscribed on the $30,000 Building Fund Campaign. Among those who subscribed liberally were Preston Taylor, H. A. Boyd, R. H. Boyd and Wm. Berkham, who subscribed a thousand dolalrs each, and J. C. Napier, who subscribed $500. Other members of the committee subscribed liberally. H. A. Boyd brought daily ten days the Nashville Globe at a cost of about $1,000 as an additional contribution.

Three years later, shortly after the Duncan Hotel had been purchased, the Central Y. M. C. A. felt that the time had arrived for the pitching of a campaign for $165,000, $45,000 of which was to be given by way of redeeming their original pledge to the Colored Y. M. C. A. work. Negroes were asked to join hands in this effort by pitching a campaign for at least $20,000. Having just three years ago sucessfully launched a campaign, it was not thought advisable by the members of the Committee of Management to launch another campaign at this time. But contrary to the opinion and wishes of many of the members of the Committee of Management, this campaign was pitched. J. C. Napier, Chairman of the Advisory Board, consented to act as chairman of the Campaign Committee. W. D. Hawkins and Preston Taylor, under the leadership of Mr. Napier, assumed the generalship of the two divisions and thus the fight was on. At the close of the campaign March 31, 1917, it was announced for the second time that the colored campaigners had reached their goal (see editorial in Tennessean and American, April 1, 1917). This second successful camapign effort on the part of the colored citizens inspired the editor of the morning Tennessean and American to write an editorial under the caption, "The Faith That Moves Mountains." This editorial dwelt somewhat at length upon the success of the effort made by the Negroes in this, their 1917 campaign.

Financial Rallies.

There have been conducted three financial rallies which attracted statewide attention, two of them headed up in the Y. M. C. A. building very soon after its purchase in 1917, and the third one ended up in the Ryman Auditorium. The financial rally attracting most local attention was conducted by the women of the city under the leadership of Mrs. Clemmie White. Mrs. Clemmie White appointed about twenty chairmen, whose business it was to bring in a minimum of $25. These twenty chairmen in turn appointed ladies on their teams to assist them. After about three weeks of vigorous effort, these ladies had a big meeting in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. on Sunday afternoon and turned over to the Committee of Management more than $500 in cash.

On January 8, 1917, there was held in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. a big meeting for the purpose of formally turning over the old Duncan Hotel for Y. M. C. A. work. At this meeting there were present at least a thousand persons, many of whom were turned away. This was an occasion for not only pledging anew their allegiance to the Y. M. C. A. work, but more than $500 in cash money was turned in with practically no preparation made in advance for this financial effort. Many who had hesitated to pay their pledges paid in full or in part on that night. This was a great meeting for the Negro citizenship of Nashville.

The final rally was held at the Ryman Auditorium later in the year 1917 at which time captains of various teams, who had voluntarily agreed to make collections of subscriptions through their churches, made highly satisfactory reports. This was an occasion for not only reporting money collected, but for stimulating the interest in the Y. M. C. A. work by leading white and colored business men of the town. Among the leading business men on the program were Major E. B. Stahlman, owner of the Banner, and Mr. J. H. Allison, manager and editor of the Tennessean and American. Among the colred citizens who were present and spoke were J. C. Napier, Preston Taylor and others.

Beginning of Association Activities in the Building.

At the beginning of the year 1917 our office equipment was moved from 510 Cedar street to Room 106 on the second floor, now known as the directors' room. It was not until June of the same year that an attempt was made to provide for roomers or to serve meals. The Chairman of the Committee of Management, at the May meeting, advised that the Association take steps to hold itself in readiness to furnish sleeping quarters and meals for several hundred male delegates to the Sunday School Congress, a Baptist Sunday school gathering of workers from all parts of the United States and Canada. Steps were taken to make provisions for these delegates. More than a hundred found meals and lodging in the old building. At the close of this effort, the Red Cross financial campaign was pitched in Nashville; the Association served as headquarters of this campaign for the Colored Division. The workers met daily in the dining room, made reports, and were served midday lunches. At the close of this effort, the Association took the contract for serving meals and furnishing lodging for approximately a hundred soldiers for a period of about three weeks. At the close of these efforts, the Association found itself with considerable cash in the treasury. When this was made known at the September meeting of the Committee of Management, the Committee as a whole felt that if the heating plant could be slightly overhauled, that they could plan a program for the fall and winter months which would make a reasonably strong appeal to a large per cent of the local young men and most of the strange young men coming into Nashville during the war days. It was during the winter months that the Powder Plan opened up with thousands of male workmen coming into Nashville; the Association practically turned over the entire building to these newcomers. The work consisted largely of providing sleeping accommodations and a suitable place for serving meals, supplying bathing facilities, writing material and a lounging place for the members; strangers and soldiers and religious services.

Personal.

I have been careful to take advantage of every opportunity for increasing my personal efficiency as Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. for the nine years that I have been in the local work. I accepted the call and reported for duty April 1, 1912. In less than 90 days after coming to Nashville I went to the Y. M. C. A. summer school at Arundle-on-the-Bay about twelve miles from Baltimore, Md. In 1913 I attended the Cincinnati Tri-annual Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of North America. In 1914 I made an inspection tour for the purpose of acquainting myself with the methods of Association work in the cities of Chicago, Ill., and Indianapolis, Ind. The latter trip was made at my own expense. I also attended a Tri annual Convention in Cleveland, May, 1916 and Detroit, October, 1919. In addition to this, I have recently completed a correspondence course conducted by Emmerson's Institute of Efficiency in New York City at a cost of $33. I take the Associational journal; I frequently send out questionnaires to the Executive Secretaries of the fourteen or more leading colored Associations of the country for securing information that will aid me in solving local Association problems. Largely as a result of my personal efforts, Nashville had three representatives in addition to myself in attendance at the Detroit Y. M. C. A. Convention in the persons of Preston Taylor, J. C. Napier and Henry Allen Boyd. Mr. Napier and myself, being together on this trip, made several efforts to secure donations from philanthropists both in Detroit and Chicago. We caleld upon Mr. Rosenwald for the purpose of having him give Nashville a second chance at his offer of $25,000.

For the good of the Association, I have connected myself with organizations, fraternal and otherwise, and permitted myself to move in a social circle which has been overtaxing on my limited income.

During these nine years, I have been offered other fields with equal opportunity for doing good and with assurance of a much larger salary than the work here can now pay. For the first five years—1912 through 1918—I worked for $900 a year when I knew that other secretaries, carrying responsibilities similar to my own, were getting 1,500$, $1,800 and 2,000 a year. This has been done more out of a spirit of loyalty to the Negro manhood of Nashville and the Board of Directors, who were responsible for my coming to Nashville, and to the Committee of Management, who were responsible for my remaining here than for any other reason. From the very beginning I was impressed with the fine spirit which the Board of Directors showed through its General Secretary, Mr. S. W. McGill, in planning a program for conducting Association activities, "not for white men exclusively, but for men," as he was in the habit of putting it, "of all colors and conditions." I also knew of the many nights of lost sleep suffered by Mr. McGill as a result of his thinking and planning for a bigger and more effective work for the colored men of Nashville. My familiarity with these and other facts kept me constantly enthused and prevented my being attracted to other fields.

Tennessee

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NINE MEMBERS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS PERFECT PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

Preston Taylor Heads New Corporation For Uplift of Men and Boys —Other Officials Chosen for Year

6/24/24
Nashville Globe

Organization work of the colored Y. M. C. A. was begun in Nashville this week, making it an association in fact rather than a branch of the Central Association of this city. The perfecting of this organization followed closely behind the issuing of the charter which was secured by five incorporators last week. These five incorporators proceeded to elect four associates, thereby constituting a Board of Directors of nine. These nine directors went into permanent organization for the purpose of doing Young Men's Christian Association work that would keep them allied and affiliated with the Central Branch of the International Association.

It is their purpose to give to Nashville and the state of Tennessee a real live, wide-awake Y. M. C. A. Organization. The personnel of the permanent officers as elected last Wednesday and as announced this week was, Preston Taylor, President; B. J. Carr, First Vice President; C. V. Roman, Second Vice President; T. B. Hardiman, Recording Secretary; J. C. Napier, Treasurer. There is to be an executive committee of five members and a visitation committee of three. It is understood that this new chartered organization to be known as the colored Young Men's Christian Association of Tennessee, is to take title to the building located at Fourth Avenue and Cedar Street, valued at over one hundred thousand dollars, and to keep the building in operation. They are to employ a General Secretary to do Y. M. C. A. work and other necessary help, and the same time, the building is to be entirely renovated from top to bottom. Rev. Taylor, the new President of the Association, announced at the meeting held in the directors' room of the Citizens Savings Bank Wednesday, that he would issue a call for the Board to meet at an early date, after which it is planned to have a big public gathering and lay the whole matter before the citizens of Nashville.

TION ORGANIZATION

Nashville Globe

REPORTS SHOW DEEDS REGISTERED AND TITLE TO PROPERTY LEGALLY PASSED

7/8/24

Sixty-three thousand dollars was the consideration named in the deed that was registered last week in the registrar's office of the county court, when the Central Association passed the title of the old Duncan Hotel property from its custody, to be held forever by the colored Y. M. C. A., the new chartered organization of colored men of Tennessee organized only recently.

The transfer was made and the two organizations represented by their attorneys saw to it that all legal matters were properly adjusted. There was much favorable comment throughout the city when the fact became known that the incorporators of the colored Y. M. C. A., together with the nine members of the Board of Directors provided for in the formation of this organization, were ready now to launch out and pay for the property. On Wednesday, the first Board of Directors' meeting after the passing of the deed, was held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms on the second floor. President Preston Taylor called the meeting to order. In opening the first regular Board and the first regular monthly meeting, President Taylor stated that the people of Nashville seem to be well pleased with the action they had taken thus far. An elaborate report was made by Mr. J. C. Napier, who had just returned from the North, where he went to attend the Anna T. Jeanes Fund Board meeting that was held in New York, but who, while away, made extensive investigation on matters effecting the future work of the colored Y. M. C. A. A long lot of routine business was taken up by the Board of Directors, but Dr. J. H. Hale, one of the directors present, and Mr. B. J. Carr, another director, were seen after the meeting and they stated that another meeting would be called within the next week as an adjourn meeting, and that everything pertaining to the future work of the colored "Y" would be completed. After the adjournment of the meeting the committee was taken on a pilgrimage through the building for a short inspection tour.

FIRST DIRECTORS MEETING

COLORED YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIA-

Y.M.C.A. 1921.

COLORED BOARD OF DIRECTORS REFUSE TO SERVE BECAUSE OF WHITE BOARD'S BIG STICK POLICY

Houston Informer 4/2/2

During the late world war the Young Men's Christian Association came in for a deal of adverse criticism by both white and colored soldiers, but the colored soldiers were the greatest sufferers because of its rank and willful discriminations, inequalities and injustices and all of them returned to America sorely disgusted and exasperated with the policy of the Y. M. C. A. as shown to and practised upon them overseas.

Many people thought at first that these complaints and charges were greatly exaggerated, but recent actions in America by leaders in the same movement are about to convince certain "doubting Thomases" that perhaps "the half has never been told."

The Houston situation, which has been up in the air for several months because of the tactics employed by the white board, has about reached the stage which means the parting of the ways between the colored and whites in this line of work here; due to big stick methods resorted to by the whites, who, besides ramming down the throat of the colored board a set of rules and a working agreement more harsh than the terms of the armistice imposed upon the Germans by the allies, have also demanded that certain race men shall not serve on the board, despite their peculiar fitness for the work.

This is the straw that broke the camel's back, for the colored board members are unalterably opposed to such high-handed methods and because the white board insisted that Vice Chairman C. F. Richardson be dropped from membership on the colored board of management, threatening withdrawal of financial assistance unless Richardson were dropped (to which the colored members, excepting two, objected and made known their objections in a most vehement manner at a special called meeting of the colored board last week), the whites were obdurate and proceeded to appoint the new board minus Richardson.

When this step was taken by the white board, Chairman E. H. Holden called the board together and after a free and full discussion of the matter, the new board voted to resign rather than serve under such autocratic and kaiseristic conditions; with such an organization, which is trying to pursue the old Southern policy of white men appointing leaders for the colored race. The race is fully able to select its own leaders and wishes tha fact to be firmly established i the minds of those who are stil living in the dead past.

Not only did the entire colored board of fifteen men resign (excluding two), but Executive Secretary H. P. Carter also tendered his resignation to become effective immediately, for he said that he realized the utter inability to accomplish anything worthwhile under such "big stick" methods as the white board tried to put over the colored work in Houston, and that, contending that Richardson's editorial position (which apparently was the bone of contention and chief objection on the part of the white representatives of the so-called Young Men's "Christian" Association) had nothing to do with his fitness to serve on the board and contending further that his editorials for justice and fairness for his race met their most hearty approbation and voiced the sentiment of every right-thinking, untrammeled, liberty-loving and free American of color here and elsewhere.

The colored board members were of the opinion that with supposed Christian men injecting their personal spleen and prejudice into a public movement, the race in Houston does not need any branch relations

Texas

HOUSTON COLORED Y. M. C. A. WILL RUN ON INDEPENDENT BASIS; OLD BOARD WILL PUSH THE CAUSE

Houston Informer 5-28-21

At a special called meeting of the board of the Colored Young Men's Christian Association in the Lincoln theater building Wednesday afternoon it was unanimously decided to operate the local Y' work on an independent basis.

Assistant Secretary Herbert Lott was appointed secretary pro tem on probation, and the first task assigned unto his hands will be collecting the various pledges made earlier in the year when the big drive was made.

The following constitute the board of directors: Rev. J. R. Burdett, J. H. Branch, Rev. C. K. Brown, Attorney S. H. Cavitt, Rev. J. H. Douglass, O. P. DeWalt, Rev. H. D. Greene, Rev. E. H. Holden, Frank L. Lane, Prof. R. G. Lockett, Prof. James D. Ryan, C. F. Richardson, Dr. F. F. Stone, G. H. Webster, J. W. Hubert, T. M. Fairchild, H. P. Carter, Rev. G. B. Young.

It was decided to hold the regular monthly meetings on the last Monday evening in each month at 6 o'clock. Next meeting will be held Monday, May 30, at 6 p. m.

Officers: Rev. E. H. Holden, chairman; C. F. Richardson, vice chairman; Prof. R. G. Lockett, recording secretary; O. P. DeWalt, treasurer.

Since the local Y work will be operated exclusively and wholly by our race, every race-loving man should do his part to assist the movement to go "over the top."

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Virginia

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Richmond Christian Advocate 5/19/21

The Y. M. C. A. —"God send us men, alert and quick, His Lofty Precepts to Translate until the laws of Christ become the laws of the State."

Last Saturday, 5 P. M. at the building men and women crowded to be helped by the explanation on the Sunday School Lesson and everybody left thankful for the privilege.

No time was lost by the boys and men of the Y. M. C. A. last Sunday.

A get ready hour with the workers at the building 9:30 A. M. and every man got full.

9:30 A. M. our General Secretary, Scott C. Burrell visited the man who is now in the death chamber awaiting the hour to go to the electric chair and shall have gone when you read this. He is a happy man for death brings joy to every man who is ready to go. There are two more to go in a few days. Please do not forget to pray for them.

A great meeting was held for the women of the penitentiary 10 A. M. and new ones were there.

10 A. M. the committees for the jail and city home did some very excellent work. Men do . get weary for the men who serve God best are those who serve their fellowmen well.

A happy bunch at the building 4 P. M. and every boy was active as he heard the address by their president Subject: Team Work. The singing was full of ginger accompanied by their pianist, Master Joseph Hobson.

The electric wire fell in the men's meeting 5:30 P. M. at the biulding and every man was well charged by the wide open address which was delivered to them by one of the leading Doctors of Richmond, Dr. D. L. Blaney Subject: The Secret that the Men of Richmond ought to know, Too late now for the men have got it and gone. A hot meeting and the songs were alive.

The examinations for the classes are now on and every body is at the mourning bench.

Hear the call for this hour 5 P. M. today on to the Y. M. C. A. do not fail.

Men be on time Sunday ready for hard work and the other man.

9:30 A. M. an hour for the workers come at the Y. M. C. A.

Boys you are invited to the building. Ask your mother. 4 P. M.

No man should miss this great meeting for mn 5:30 at the building 3rd and Leigh streets. One of the leading merchants Joseph Charity of Richmond will address the men. Subject: Right at any Cost. Bring the other man and join us heartily in the songs. Live music. Mr. William Armistead of Mt. Carmel Baptist church has been asked to direct the singing. All on fire come.

Still the Y. M. C. A. is knocking at your door for prayer. Please let us in?

The Y. M. C. A. is getting ready for a great time for women and men. The speaker is one whom Richmond wants to hear . The Sabbath Glee club will sing. Watch for date. Where do you Stand—for right or wrong. The hour demands your vote.

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Connecticut

NEW BRANCH OF Y. W. C. A. TO BE ORGANIZED HERE

First Formal Meeting to Be Held Tuesday Evening at Park Street Congregational Church.

BRIDGEPORT CONN. STAR
JANUARY 29, 1921

An entirely new branch of the Y. W. C. A. is about to be organized—that for colored women and girls. A colored secretary, Miss Dorothy C. Guinn, has been secured and will begin her duties on February first. While the actual organization is new, the idea dates back several years. A group of colored women have been deeply concerned with the needs of the young colored girls in the city, and with the few social or educational influences open to them. They have repeatedly asked the Y. W. C. A. to assist them in organizing a branch. A year ago last fall, Miss May Phillips, a worker from the Y. W. C. A. headquarters, spent several weeks investigating the situation and making a survey of the colored population. She reported a population of over three-thousand colored people, and recommended very strongly that some association work be organized at once for them. The finances of the association did not permit of this at that time. However, the Board of directors appointed a committee to "plough up the ground" as it was expressed, and to see if some preliminary work could be done without much expense. Mrs. Gerald H. Beard took the chairmanship of this committee and has given much time and thought to it—making several trips to other cities where the "Y" has branches for colored women, to study their plans of work.

The Directors felt that this new branch could not be longer put aside and so have, with the advice and co-operation of a group of responsible and representative colored women, secured rooms for the new branch. They are on the second floor of 56 Beach stret, the lower floor of which, with an entirely separate entrance, is occupied by the International Institute of the association. The rooms are ideally adapted to work. There is a good sized assembly room that can be used for gymnasium classes, as well as for meetings and socials, and several smaller rooms, suitable for office, class rooms, kitchen etc.

To head up this new work, an experienced colored secretary has been secured. She is Miss Dorothy C. Guinn, a graduate of Radcliffe college, and with several years experience, first as a teacher, and for the past three and a half years as secretary in the colored branches of the St. Louis and the St. Joseph Y. W. C. A.

The formal organization meeting of the new branch will be held at eight o'clock, next Tuesday night, at the Park Street Congregational church. Mrs. Cordella Winn, National Y. W. C. A. secretary for colored work, will be present to speak and to outline organization methods after which by-laws will be adopted and a committee of management be elected. Miss Guinn, the new secretary, is expected to arrive that day and to be introduced at the meeting. It is altogether a most hopeful outlook for this new and much needed departure of the Y. W. C. A. The beginning will be made with very modest equipment and limited expense but the colored women themselves have already secured part of the necessary funds and are ready to work to make their branch a worthy part of the Y. W. C. A.

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"Y" WORK AMONG WOMEN.

An indication of the efforts making to extend and broaden the work of the Young Women's Christian Association among the women of the race was furnished by the addition of another representative to the National Board of the organization. Mrs. Ruth Logan Roberts of New York has been appointed as a member of this board to cooperate with Miss Eva D. Bowles, in the effort to further this work among the girls and women.

This addition of such a strong and forceful personality as that presented by Mrs. Roberts will undoubtedly prove helpful in interpreting the aims and methods of the association in the most convincing manner. Her cooperation with Miss Bowles should be a source of strength in maintaining those aims and ideals that will aid in the highest development of the best qualities of womanhood.

SECRETARIES TRAIN

Baltimore Girl Was Among Those Selected For Three Weeks Course

Baltimore

Hampton, Va., Dec. 29—"Our aim is to train for colored leadership in the Young Women's Christian Association work as we train for white leadership," declared Mary E. Scott at the close of the three-week training conference for colored Y. W. C. A. secretaries, which was recently held at Hampton Institute, under the direction of staff secretarial workers, including Miss Scott, Miss Eva D. Bowles, Miss Adela S. Ruffin, Miss Clada J. Williams, and Miss Almira F. Hilmes. Miss Scott added:

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120 Colored Secretaries at Work

"We have now an employed staff of 120 women in our colored associations, local, headquarters, and field, at least 75 per cent of whom have been trained as secretaries.

"We have emphasized the financial side, organization, leadership, volunteer work, and committee management. We have also emphasized the relation of health to life and work. The conference has aimed to give technical knowledge and inspiration to secretaries so that they will be able to triumph over the many disappointments which they meet in their work.

"This year, for the first time, we have a colored girl in our National Training School.

The personnel of the training conference follows: G. May Cooper, Charleston, S. C.; C. Vivian Carter, Baltimore, Md.; Esther Stevenson, LeRoy, N. Y.; Clementine Reeves, E. St. Louis, Ill.; Georgia Wares, Williamsport, Pa.,; Doris Wootin, Fort Worth, Tex.; Helen Hudson, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Adelaide Smith, Columbia, S. C.; Vater Beachamp, Lynchburg, Va.; Isabel S. Frazier, Columbus, Ohio; Dortha Tuck, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Annie Walker, Richmond, Va.; Anna P. Dart, Newport News, Va.; Julia E. Whittaker, Augusta, Ga.; Mary Thompson Washington, D. C.; Bessie Butler, Asheville, N. C.; Hortense Ridgley, Montclair, N. J.; Virginia P. Powell, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Y. W. C. A. – 1921

Georgia.

THE Y. M. C. A. CAMPAIGN.

The campaign to raise $100,000 with which to clear away the debt of the local Young Men's Christian Association, and also with which to complete the negro Y. M. C. A., represents a movement in which every public-spirited citizen of the community can well afford to become identified.

These are two exceedingly worthy institutions, and they deserve the ungrudging support of the public.

Measured by the value of its service to the community, the amount of money the Y. M. C. A. is asking Atlantans to contribute is infinitesimal; and no delay should be experienced in raising the last dollar of it.

The campaign has started off auspiciously, and the indications are that it will terminate "one hundred per cent" successfully in record time.

It will for a certainty if the people of this city do their full duty, for the cause underlying it is one to which the public should gladly contribute.

THE COMPLETION OF THE Y. M. C. A. IS NOW ASSURED.

One of the fine things brought out in the recent campaign of the Y. M. C. A., which has just come to a close, was the fact that there are men and women in the city of Atlanta who can always be appealed to for a supreme effort and they will not fail you. The captains of the various teams rivalled each other for the Association's program and they did some fine work in addition to carrying on their work day by day, and as the campaign drew nearer and nearer to the close many of our busy workers in the city put aside everything and devoted their entire time to the success of the campaign. The following standings are the different teams and their captains: Morris Brown University, Professor C. L. Harper, captain, $793; Spelman Seminary, Miss Estelle Ivey, captain, $585.48; Clark University, Mr. Wendell Cunningham, captain, $573.68; Morehouse College, Mr. William Driskell, captain, $303.15; Atlanta University, Mr. E. M. Martin, captain, $252.14; Hotel Men, Mr. M. Saunders, captain, $142.10.

The men all gave the Spelman team a rising vote of thanks for the fine work that this team did. This team was asked to raise $500 and they went over that amount, being the only team that got more than they were required to get. In addition to these reports there were enough good substantial pledges to bring the amount up to over $7,000.

On Monday afternoon a group of our leading business men and ministers met at the Y. M. C. A. and agreed that whatever amount would be necessary to carry us over the $10,000 mark they would subscribe and pay that additional amount. This meeting was presided over by Mr. Woods White, one of the best friends the Association has in its history, and the leaders among the men taking the lead in this meeting were Mr. H. S. Perry Mr. B. J. Davis, Mr. D. T. Howard our largest contributor, Mr. J. B Watson, Mr. J. L. Wheeler, President Lewis of Morris Brown University; Drs. A. D. Williams, N. D Shamborguer, D. H. Stanton and R. H. Singleton, Mr. William Driskell, Mr. J. H. Starks, Mr. M Saunders and Mr. George W. Reid

This was indeed a remarkable campaign in many respects in that it assured the completion of the building so that the work will go on unhampered and prove the devotion and love of the people for the work being done in the Y. M. C. A. that they were willing to go the whole way in a time like this.

The Association is grateful to all who in any way contributed to the success of the campaign. Especially do we appreciate the big way the White Association put over its campaign for $103,000 and included in that amount $18,000 for the Colored work.

The ball was awarded to Morris Brown University, who led in final reports and should be passed on the Spelman Seminary team for raising more than above the amount assigned them to raise. There are other reports not yet in, but will be announced later.

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Y.W.C.A. - 1921.

Missouri.

Y. W. C. A. RECEIVES $1500 FROM ESTATE OF MADAM WALKER

St. Louis Argus

As shown in the annual report of Dr. Amanda V. Gray, Branch Secretary, the challenge of the late Madam C. J. Walker was met by Wheatley Branch. 2-4-21.

Madam Walker, during her life time, proposed to give to Wheatley Branch the sum of $1500.00 provided the Association raised the same amount, by January 1, 1919. The Association raised it's quota but on account of Madam Walker's death her part could not be paid until one year had elapsed. This sum was recently paid from her estate and as a result the building has been freshly painted and some interior decorating has been done.

Wheatley Branch took peculiar pride in this achievement and the challenge of Madam Walker was typical of the big-hearted members of our race who have acquired wealth.

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Y.W.C.A. – 1921.

National.

Discuss Extension of "Y" Work In South Among Negro Women

New York Age 3/12/21

(*Special to* THE NEW YORK AGE)

Louisville, Ky—Probably the largest inter-racial conference among the colored and white women in the South was held by the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association at Louisville, Kentucky, February 15-17, 1921, representing the southern section of the country. The purpose of the conference was for the better understanding of the groups concerned and discussion of the possibility of further extending the Young Women's Christian Association in the Southland among colored women. There were sixty-three in attendance, thirty-three of whom were colored and thirty white women.

They included the following delegates from the National Board at 600 Lexington avenue New York City Board members: Mrs. John French, chairman of executive committee, National Board Mrs. James S. Cushman, vice-president of National board; Mrs. Harry Emerson Fosdick, chairman of Department of Conventions and Conferences: and Mrs. Elizabeth Ross Haynes, committee member of the Bureau of Colored Work. Secretaries; Miss M. S. Cratty, Miss Katherine Scott, Miss L. Blanchard, Miss Almira F. Holmes, Miss Mary S. Sims, Miss Katy Boyd George, Miss Juliette Derricotte, Mrs. Cordelia A. Winn and Miss Crystal Bird. Miss Adela F. Ruffin, Miss Juanita J. Saddler and Miss May B. Belcher represented the South Atlantic and South Central Fields.

Representative Women Present.

White women of the South were ably represented, among whom special mention should be made of certain women who have long been interested in the colored work of the Y. W. C. A. as Mrs. Beverly Mumford and Miss Katherine H. Hawes of Richmond, Virginia, and Mrs. J. H. Hoskins of St. Louis, Missouri.

Representing the South Central Field were Mrs. A. E. Malone, Mrs. Fannie B. Williams, Mrs. A. Russell Garner and Miss Amanda V. Grey of St. Louis, Missouri; Mrs. O. B. Matthews, Mrs. W. H. Sheppard and Miss Martha V. Webster, Louisville, Kentucky; Mrs. R. J. Meaddough, Little Rock, Arkansas; Mrs. J. E. Smith, Chattanooga, Tennessee; and Miss Mabel S. Brady, Kansas City, Missouri.

From the South Atlantic Field: Mrs. Mary E. Carter, Richmond, Virginia; Miss Anna M. Poolu, Norfolk, Va.; Miss Laura McFall, Charleton, South Carolina; Mrs. George W. Clinton Charlotte, North Carolina; Mrs. H. R. Butler, Atlanta, Georgia; Mrs. C. S. Williamson, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Miss M. E. Chinn, Augusta, Georgia; and Mrs. N. M. Martin, Asheville, North Carolina.

From the Southwestern Field: Mrs. Julia A. Jackson, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Mrs. B. J. Covington, Houston, Texas; Mrs. A. B. Standifrer, Fort Worth, Texas; and Mrs. E. H. Mitchell, San Antonia Texas.

Mrs. Charlottee Hawkins Brown was present representing colored women outside the Association movement.

Findings of Conference.

Attached is a copy of the finding of the conference, complete except for Article VII.

"We, the women assembled in this conference, wish to express our gratitude for the spirit of frankness and fair play that has marked our deliberations together. We are thankful for the mutual trust that has enabled us to face our common problems, and for the faith in each other that sends us forth to endeavor to solve these problems in christian cooperation and in constructive fellowship.

"We wish to put ourselves on record as believing that the Young Women's Christian Association with its ideal of fulness if life for every girl and woman is pre-eminently an organization that can serve the girls and women of all races.

"We wish further to put ourselves on record as believing that the great responsibility of the membership of the local association is to interpret the christian purposes of the association to the community.

"I. We recommend that special attention be given to the student work and that such secretarial leadership and training be supplied as shall insure the development of christian leadership for our colored work.

II. We recommend that the local associations put themselves to the task of promotion knowledge and good will through interracial conferences and through the constructive use of the press of both races.

III. We recommend that all work for colored groups shall as soon as practicable be administered through the regular channels of the association, that is, through the field committee and that each field committee shall have a sub-committee on colored work composed of white and colored women.

"IV. We recommend that the committee of management of local associations shall be representative of the different groups and interests of the community.

"V. We further recommond that local associations be urged to organize and develop the committee on colored work and that the standardizing of this committee be completed as soon as possible.

"VI. We recommend that field conferences and camps and local institutes, both for the general membership and employed and volunteer workers, be held as often as practicable.

"VII. As a point number VII. relates directly to findings of the Women's Conference of the Inter-racial Commission held in Memphis in November, which findings have not yet been publisehd, we are not at liberty to make public this point in our findings which so closely relates to it.

"VIII. We recommend that the Associations cooperate with the inter-racial committees in local communities.

"Mrs. ARCH TRAWICK, *Chairman.*
Mrs. O. V. MATTHEWS, *Secretary.*"

Y. W. C. A. Student Conference Is Great Success at Raleigh

One Hundred Students Present From Shaw Hampton, Fisk, Talladega, Fort Valley, Livingstone and Other Schools

New York Age 6/25/21

(Special to The New York Age)

Raleigh, N. C.—The Y. W. C. A. Student Conference has just closed its most successful conference here. It was in charge of Miss Eva Bowles of New York City, assisted by Miss May Hawes as hostess, and Miss Etha Briggs as registrar. A competent faculty assisted in the instruction, consisting of Mrs. Catherine W. Eddy, Miss Freda Klink, Miss Belle Morelle, Miss Wanita Sadler and Miss Juliet Derrecot.

Dr. H. H. Proctor of Brooklyn was the only man in attendance upon the conference and gave lectures on the Bible and also a series of addresses of fundamentals. About one hundred students were present representing Shaw, Hampton, Fisk, Talladega, Fort Valley, Livingstone, Knoxville, Kittrell, and others.

The conference was held on the spacious grounds of the St. Augustine Episcopal School, located on the outskirts of the city. The entire facilities of the institution were put at the disposal of the conference.

One of the inspiring incidents of the conference was the interchange of sentiment between it and the white conference at Asheville. Friendly greetings were sent from Asheville to the colored conference and in turn from the one at St. Augustine to the one at Asheville. Personal greetings were brought from the Ashville Conference by Miss Young, a nativt North Carolinian, woh added greatly to the conference by her inspiring addresses.

The conference was so planned that all the hours of the day and night were fully used. Play had a large part in the proceedings, so that the girls at no time felt a sense of fatigue. On the whole, this was pronounced the best of all conferences. Among the distinguished visitors were Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins Brown and Bishop Delaney.

Colored citizens of Raleigh extended many courtesies to the people of the conference. One afternoon they took the entire body and showed them the city in an automobile outing. A visit was made to the little colored city of Method, established by Berry O'Kelly.

Y.W.C.A. 1921. New York.

Brooklyn Y. W. C. A. Secretary Asks Support For Association

Argues Necessity of Work for Girls of Race and Says the "Y" Is a Training School --Campaign On for $8,000.

New York Age 2/12/21

Ashland Place Branch Y. W. C. A. Brooklyn, of which Miss Josephine V. Pinyon is the executive secretary, is actively and energetically engaged in preparing for the financial campaign for the raising of $8,000, its share of the city wide budget of $82,000. The members and officials of the Ashland place branch are enthusiastic in support of the plans advanced by Miss Pinyon, who is the first colored secretary this branch has had.

The campaign begins February 15th, and emphasis is being laid upon the real need of the work as the strongest appeal of the drive. The attitude of the National Board of the Y. W. C. A., towards its colored workers and members has recently been subject of much discussion and criticism largely because of the prejudiced actions of certain individual officers of the organization. In a letter to the editor of THE AGE, Miss Piynon discusses this phase in and a broad and liberal manner calculated to show the great value of the organization, and the possibility of changing wrong conditions more effectively from the inside as members than from the outside.

Miss Pinyon writes as follows:

"We hear of the prejudice shown by employees of the Y. W. C. A. to our race. No one can be more critical of that prejudice than I, a colored employee of the organization, but—our people are prone to cease operations with a denunciation and refusal to join the "Y" or contribute to its work. If we would only think the thing to some certain facts and possible remedies.

"1. There can be no question that the Y. W. C. A. program is good for our girls as for all other girls. If it helps one kind of girl to grow into a life of usefulness and leadership, it will help every girl. Why cut off our noses to spite our toes?

"2. The Y. W. C. A. does afford a training school for leaders. It is one of the avenues of social service open to our women. Why ignore it as a field of work?

"3. Nothing can be made better by criticism and ostracism alone. As member- and contributors, our people may have a voice and hand in the making and controlling of policies of the Y. W. C. A. As outsiders, nothing very constructive can be done by us—but a voting members or as contributors there are no limits to the possibilities of Branch control.

"I am making this as a plea, not for the Y. W. C. A. but for Our Girls, who need the Y. W C. A. Program and who *have the same right to it* as all other girls."

Manhattan Y. W. C. A.

New York Age

Over a year ago the Y. W. C. A., moved into its new building at 179 West 137th street. Since then its membership and activities have increased by leaps and bounds. It costs $100,000 a year to support this work. It has seven secretaries, eleven assistant stenographers and three teachers. It has departments in typewriting and stenography, domestic science and sewing. Its employment department places large numbers of girls and women in positions; it has a girls' reserve department with a membership of more than 500; its physical department offers all gymnasium and swimming pool activities. It has a religious department with Bible training classes; a vesper service that brings to the public the thought and inspiration of the best minds; a cafeteria that offers reasonable and wholesome meals to the hundreds who avail themselves of the privilege of coming; an open, public lobby with a quiet, home-like atmosphere, where one may rest and read the many papers and magazines found on the racks and tables; and a dormitoryy that gives safe and wholesome accommodation for a large number of girls and women. Surely this is enough to inspire every citizen of Harlem to help make the institution self-supporting. The 1921 deficit is $12,862. The colored people owe it to themselves to raise this amount. The organization desires anything that comes from the Metropolitan Board to be in the nature of a gift—such as a summer camp which it has promised this coming summer. Consequently, the public which receives the benefit of this Branch is urged to respond to those who come asking for the support of the work. 2/12/21

The Branch membership, of 2,000 or more , is divided into twelve calendar clubs, each member belonging to the club designated by the name of the month in which she joined. These clubs are showing a remarkable interest, and the evenings at the buildiing are notable at present for the hum of voices and the activity in getting literature and necessary equipment for the campaign.

If each member gives six dollars, the campaign quota will be easily raised; let each member resolve to do so. The third Friday in this month is regular members' night. *Come and hear the reports from the Campaign.* Miss Williams, a trained nurse, will also give a short talk on health.

The bride-to-be cooking classes meet on Wednesday and Friday nights. Come and cook your own dinner and eat it. All persons desiring to learn to cook are welcome to join.

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Pennsylvania.

WILLIAMSPORT PA SUN
JANUARY 7, 1921

COMMITTEES REPORT ON WORK AT BRANCH

At a meeting of the religious and educational committees of the Walnut street branch of the Y. W. C. A. held Wednesday, reports from the heads of the various clubs were received and plans for future work outlined.

The Young Matrons' club reported well attended meetings during the month of December and announced that at the netx meeting "Children's Questions and Answers" will be discussed. The club has secured the services of Dr. Alice Hughes for the speaker in February. She will give a talk on "The Adolescent Age."

Mrs. Bannister's cooking class will resume its activities on Friday evening. The class reported that the oyster supper served last month was a success financially as well as socially. A new class in cooking will be started on January 28 in charge of Mrs. John Parker.

The sewing class will resume its work next week under the direction of Katherine Bryant. The members of the class will make up the material given to the members of the Aged Colored Women's home on Christmas for gingham aprons.

The knitting and fancy work class will also resume its activities this week under the direction of Mrs. Laura Hughes.

The vesper services to be held on Sunday afternoon will be in keeping with the spirit of the day, it being the close of the Y. W. C. A. year. The chairman of each of the committees at the branch will give a five-minute talk, the general trend of which will deal with the "Spiritual Trend of the Association Work."

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Virginia

NEWPORT NEWS VA HERALD
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NEGRO WOMEN'S "Y" IS ASKING FOR $3,000 NOW

Campaign for Funds Will Be Started April 18, According to Announcement Made Today by Those in Charge of Work.

The colored branch of the Young Women's Christian Association will launch a drive for $3,000 April 18 for operating expenses during the year. The officials of the organization have made public the following budget to show how the money will be spent:

Administration—		
Salaries of secretaries		$2,100 00
Wages for help		550 00
Fuel		150 00
Light		100 00
Water		50 00
Telephone		75 00
House supplies		75 00
Office supplies		100 00
Repairs		50 00
Insurance		25 00
Rent		600 00
Equipment		225 00
		$4,100 00
Activities—		
Girls' work	$200 00	
Hospitality	100 00	
Relg. education	100 00	
Night school	100 00	
		500 00
General Expenses—		
Campaign	$100 00	
Conference	250 00	
National support	200 00	
Contingent	100 00	
		650 00
Total expenses		$5,250 00
Income—		
Membership	$ 150 00	
Central Association (West Avenue Y. W. C. A.)	2,100 00	
Total income		$2,250 00
Total expenses		$5,250 00
Total income		2,250 00
To be raised		$3,000 00

LYNCHBURG VA NEWS
APRIL 24, 1921

COLORED Y. W. C. A.

At the usual services at the colored Y. W. C. A. this afternoon at 5 o'clock, Professor J. R. Hunt, of Virginia Theological Seminary and College, will speak and in addition there will be a duet by members of the "F. P. Green, White Club."

Immediatley following vespers, the final reports in the membership campaign will be made. A Y. W. C. A. pin is offered to the workers on each side who bring in five or more new members.